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- 1 - 157-1194 (B. ELLIS)
- 1 - 157-909 (Welfare Rights)
- 1 - 157-1680 (CALDWELL)
- 1 - 100-6071 (H. GREEVER)
- 1 - 100-3533 (ANNE BRADEN)
- 1 - 100-3346 (CARL BRADEN)
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- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-726 (THOMAS)
- 1 - 157-1754 (Poverty Cuts) (Enc.1)
- 1 - 157-927 (KING Memorial) (Enc.1)
- 1 - 100-5401 (YWLL) (Enc.1)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC) (Enc.1)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1600 (BLAKEMORE)
- 1 - 157-1378 (EDMONDSON)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On April 4, 1973, source furnished a leaflet entitled, "We Want Jobs!", which appears to have been printed in behalf of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) and concerns a demonstration to occur at 10:00 AM, Louisville, Kentucky, on April 4, 1973, in connection with the Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING Rally to be held at the same time.

A copy of the flier was furnished to Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville, Kentucky Police Department, on April 11, 1973.

A copy of this flier is also being designated for the files indicated as enclosures. The original of the flier is filed in FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

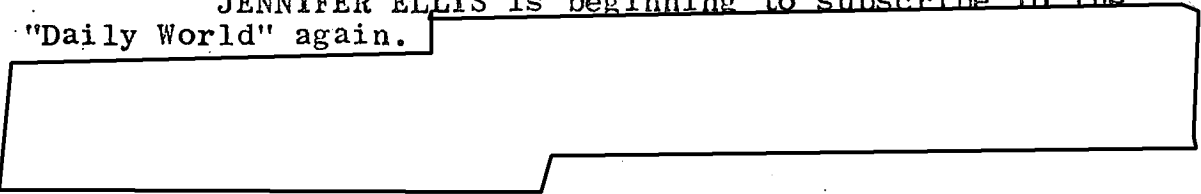
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Louisville, Kentucky
March 28, 1973

The source talked briefly with BEN SIMMONS last midnight on Brook Street, Louisville, Kentucky. He attempted to set up a meeting with SIMMONS for the following Friday in order to ascertain what the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) is currently doing and if the source himself has any chance of becoming a current member. When he first began talking with SIMMONS, the latter was very evasive. The source then asked SIMMONS what the organization was doing about WILLIAM BLAKEMORE, and SIMMONS appeared to exhibit a degree of hostility towards his line of questioning. The source told SIMMONS that if he and other members of the KBPP were actually involved with BLAKEMORE, then he felt they were letting BLAKEMORE "swing". SIMMONS exhibited a hostile attitude toward these remarks but neither confirmed nor denied any involvement with BLAKEMORE.

JENNIFER ELLIS is beginning to subscribe to the "Daily World" again.



The Welfare Rights Organization in Louisville was funded by a Lexington, Kentucky based organization known as "Fame", and inasmuch as Welfare Rights in Louisville is not being funded at the present time, the organization is expected to disintegrate.

He saw IVAN CALDWELL of the Nation of Islam (NOI) briefly on Saturday, March 24, 1973. The source was accompanied by a white male at the time, and CALDWELL, therefore, did not make any attempt to approach him.

He conversed briefly with CAROL THOMAS on Monday, March 26, 1973, and learned that HELEN GREEVER is not currently residing with ANNE BRADEN. CAROL did not know the current residence of HELEN GREEVER. He also understands from THOMAS that the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) may

currently be organizing for a meat boycott in the Louisville, Kentucky area. SCEF, in any event, will run off leaflets in the event of any meat boycott to be held.

JENNIFER ELLIS' sister, LYNN ROBINSON, who resides at 217 St. Joseph, Apartment 9, Louisville, Kentucky, went to Memorial Auditorium to hear the Reverend JESSE JACKSON speak on March 22, 1973. Among the many people there, she recognized JUDI and BEN SIMMONS, CAROL THOMAS, CARL and ANNE BRADEN and HELEN GREEVER.

Louisville, Kentucky
April 4, 1973

On March 31, 1973, CAROL THOMAS was passing out leaflets entitled, "We Want Jobs!", concerning a demonstration of the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL), Post Office Box 25, Louisville, Kentucky, which was to take place on April 4, 1973, in connection with a national day of action against the budget cuts and also a rally in tribute to Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, who was assassinated five years ago. The leaflet indicates that the march and rally to be held have been called for locally by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC).

Following the march, which will begin at Ninth and Walnut Streets in Louisville and end at the court house, a rally will be held on the court house steps. Speakers at the rally will be RACHELLE EDMONDSON of the Russell Area Council, MIKE CLARKSON from the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), and undoubtedly someone from the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF).

A white male by the first name of CHARLES, who is further described as being twenty-four to twenty-five years of age, six feet, one inch tall, weighing 190 pounds, with dark hair, has been residing with CAROL THOMAS for approximately six to eight months. He does not work, and his connection with CAROL THOMAS is unknown. He appears to be an extreme racist.

The source stopped at the Plymouth Settlement House on Monday, April 2, 1973, and talked with ANN BEARD. The latter indicated she is not currently involved in much activity but does work occasionally for the Kentucky Black Panther Party doing small jobs such as writing letters and engaging in fund raising activities for the "Free WILLIAM BLAKEMORE Fund", typing, et cetera. In addition, she visits SCEF on occasion and picks up information there which she later types. She indicated that she intended to be present at and participate in the march scheduled for this date.

ANN BEARD further indicated that SCEF is going to be doing all of the leaflet work from the various organizations

around town, and that most of the organizations are currently using SCEF's mailing list. SCEF also intends to be active assisting the various organizations in the area in demonstrations involving the meat boycott.

He has not been able to see HENRI WILLIAMS, and at the current time he knows nothing about the African Peoples Socialist Party (APSP), although he was of the opinion that WILLIAMS was working on some new kind or new type of religion or religious movement. From his conversations with IVAN CALDWELL, he has learned nothing of an individual by the name of WILLIAM 37X LONGSTREET.

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For more information, contact:

YOUNG WORKERS LIBERATION LEAGUE
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- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
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Louisville, Kentucky
April 10, 1973

On Saturday, April 7, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a board meeting in the afternoon hours at the BWC Office. At the board meeting, VANITA TINKER, MOSE RAPIER and RON SLAUGHTER together got into a very heated argument with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. TINKER, RAPIER and SLAUGHTER were upset with ROBERTS because of his opposition to the BWC plan to clean up the BWC Office. Because of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' opposition, the plan to clean up the office space has come to a halt.

In addition to this criticism of ROBERTS, TINKER, RAPIER and SLAUGHTER accused ROBERTS of running the BWC in a slipshod fashion and of attempting to get his brothers, WOODROW and LEONARD ROBERTS, in a position within the BWC so that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, along with his brothers, could completely control the BWC.

At the meeting, board members also discussed improving conditions for black workers at International Harvester and at Ford. There are at present no plans for any picketing or for any demonstrations to be held either at International Harvester or at Ford.

In recent weeks, BWC members have been attending the Russell Area Council Community Meetings. The BWC is very much interested in improving some of the poor housing conditions which exist in the Russell Area. VANITA TINKER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, LEONARD ROBERTS and RON SLAUGHTER have been known to attend these meetings.

On Sunday, April 8, 1973, the BWC held its regularly held community meeting. Not as many people attended the meeting as usual. In addition, several board members failed to attend the meeting. This is unusual, inasmuch as all of the board members usually attend the Sunday meetings. It was obvious that there are still some hard feelings as a result of the argument that had occurred at the board of directors meeting on Saturday.

At the Sunday meetings there is usually a lot of discussion, and many spontaneous remarks are made by people who attend the meetings as well as members of the BWC. However, at Sunday's meeting the atmosphere was obviously strained, and the meeting did not go too well inasmuch as there was not nearly as much discussion as usual and members of the BWC, especially those members who are on the board of directors, remained silent.

At the meeting, a new member of the BWC, BRENDA (Last Name Unknown), who is a heavy set Negro female, spoke. BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) is now in charge of the party's youth program. She began to function in this capacity this past week and the children in the community seem to have taken to her quite well. BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) had a trip to the zoo scheduled for the neighborhood children on Tuesday, April 10, 1973, however, the weather prevented the trip. BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) has a series of lectures scheduled which will deal with black history. These lectures will be held at the BWC office.

BRENDA (Last Name Unknown) has been observed driving WOODROW ROBERTS' car. She has two children - a young girl and a young boy and on occasion has taken them by the BWC office.

The BWC still has not paid its oil bill and there is no heat in the BWC office.

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1 - 157-1397 (BPP)

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1 - 157-1477 (G.T. ALEXANDER)

1 - 157-1486 (H. JONES)

1 - 157-1497 (D. ALEXANDER)

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

New York is being furnished copies of this report in view of New York's investigative interest with regard to BERNICE JONES and the Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction.

On April 3, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department was advised that the members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party planned to participate in the Martin Luther King March being sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) on April 4, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 3, 1973

On Monday, April 2, 1973, Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) held a meeting at its office from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Those attending the meeting were BRUCE CONWAY, MIKE CLARKSON, G. T. ALEXANDER, HERB JONES, PAT GRESHAM, TONY MOORE, TOMMY SMITH and KEITH FANT. Also attending the meeting was a negro female who accompanied G. T. ALEXANDER to the meeting. At this time she is known only as PAM (Last Name Unknown). She indicated that she was definitely interested in the party and took a security form which she will fill out and return at a later date. She is described as follows: Negro female, 5'8" tall, 115 pounds, nicely built, medium afro (on occasion she has been seen wearing a straight wig), medium complexion, 19-20 years old, some front teeth are gold. It is believed that PAM (LNU) is a student at Jefferson Community College. Recently she has become romantically involved with G. T. ALEXANDER.

At the meeting KBPP members confirmed the fact that G. T. ALEXANDER has been placed on thirty days probation. As a result he was asked to leave the meeting inasmuch as he is not allowed to participate in any party functions while he is on probation. He was only at the meeting approximately ten minutes when he was asked to leave. ALEXANDER was very upset at being asked to leave inasmuch as he had taken PAM (LNU) with him to the meeting and being asked to leave the meeting caused him a great deal of embarrassment in front of her.

At the meeting it was decided that party members who had not been functioning will be purged from the party specifically NANCY PENICK, JOHN STARKS, EDDIE HARRIS and DON ALEXANDER are being purged from the party. MIKE CLARKSON will handle these purges and he stated that he is going to publish the fact that they have been purged

by putting out leaflets to this effect.

MIKE CLARKSON informed KBPP members that BERNICE JONES has stated that the KBPP will not be allowed to have a central committee inasmuch as the only central committee that is allowed to exist in the party is the central committee with respect to the national leadership. JONES has no objection to the KBPP having several ministers who will be responsible for running the party as long as they do not call themselves a central committee. The party has decided that it will maintain its present structure of having seven ministers run the party, but in compliance with BERNICE JONES' orders will not call the ministers by the name of central committee.

According to CLARKSON, while he was attending the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee Rally in Jackson, Mississippi, over the weekend, BERNICE JONES named him to be "Mediator" between the KBPP and BERNICE JONES in New York. Normally BEN SIMMONS would handle this function, however he has stated that he does not want to assume this duty because it would bring him into contact with HERB JONES too often and SIMMONS does not like HERB JONES.

The arrest of LEON LAWLESS was discussed at the meeting. According to CLARKSON and PATRICIA GRESHAM, LAWLESS' arrest came about as follows:

G. T. ALEXANDER, MIKE CLARKSON and LEON LAWLESS were returning to Louisville, Kentucky, from the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) rally in TOMMY SMITH's car when SMITH's car broke down in Duck Hill, Mississippi. The three of them then hitchhiked to Memphis, Tennessee. Upon arriving in Memphis, Tennessee, LAWLESS used a Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) credit card with the name of EUGENE NOBLE BRADEN on it to purchase gas for the individual who had given them a ride.

While in Memphis the three of them stayed at a hotel on Sunday, April 1, 1973. None of them had any money, however ALEXANDER was wired money by his parents and CLARKSON was wired money by PAT GRESHAM. LAWLESS expected his parents to send him some money but apparently the money was never sent.

When ALEXANDER and CLARKSON received their money they purchased a bus ticket and returned to Louisville, leaving LAWLESS alone in Memphis at the hotel. At approximately 2:00 p.m. while LAWLESS was at the hotel he was arrested by

the Memphis Police for forgery with the respect to his having used the SCEF credit card.

According to GRESHAM and CLARKSON, SCEF was irate over the fact that the party had been using the credit card and apparently the party had run up a bill of approximately \$350.00, however, according to GRESHAM and CLARKSON, SCEF has "calmed down" and apparently they have agreed to get LAWLESS out of jail.

The party members were encouraged at the meeting to participate in the Martin Luther King March scheduled to be conducted in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 4, 1973, and being sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition. Party members were encouraged to show up at the march to show support for the BWC. It is not known if any party member will speak.

The party's busing program is scheduled to begin this Saturday, April 7, 1973. At the present time the party has two buses, one from the Plymouth Settlement House and one as a result of NEVILLE TUCKER's efforts. At the present time the party plans to travel only to LaGrange, however there has been talk of going to Pewee Valley and perhaps to Eddyville. HERB JONES is the program coordinator for the party and it is his responsibility to publicize the busing program. He stated that he would make up some leaflets on Tuesday, April 3, 1973, at SCEF advertising the program.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that the party should begin another campaign against pushers. As previously reported, MIKE CLARKSON is especially interested in making moves on the pusher and CLARKSON again reiterated his strong feelings on this subject at the meeting.

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 6, 1973

On Tuesday, April 3, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON taped a radio spot in which he announced that JOHN STARKS, VILANNE DAVIS, NANCY PENICK, EDDIE HARRIS and DON ALEXANDER had been purged from the party. This announcement was made over radio station WLOU. According to CLARKSON, he is going to use WLOU almost exclusively from now on because WLOU is a "black" station.

At 6:00 PM on Tuesday night, the party held a political education class. Present at this class were RICK OLIVER, CAROLLE MORRIS, PAM (Last Name Unknown), HERB JONES, TONY MOORE, "MOOSE" and BRUCE CONWAY.

HERB JONES was in charge of the meeting, and discussed the party's ten point program.

At the meeting MIKE CLARKSON was criticized for exposing the above-mentioned people on radio without previously confronting them with any charges that the party had against them. CLARKSON was also criticized because he should not have expelled VILANNE DAVIS from the party inasmuch as DAVIS had formally resigned from the party several months ago. In addition, he was criticized by the group for expelling DON ALEXANDER inasmuch as ALEXANDER was never a member of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) but was merely a community worker and therefore, could not be expelled from the party. BRUCE CONWAY was particularly critical of CLARKSON inasmuch as CONWAY is the Minister of Justice and it was CONWAY's responsibility to point out these things to CLARKSON.

At the meeting party members were informed that MIKE CLARKSON would definitely speak at the MARTIN LUTHER KING Commemoration Day Rally sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). RICK OLIVER, who is Minister of Defense, was named to head security at the rally for CLARKSON. CLARKSON's speech was written for him by PAT GRESHAM.

At the meeting, TONY MOORE was packing a nine millimeter automatic weapon.

At the meeting, BRUCE CONWAY and RICK OLIVER had an argument regarding CONWAY's use of profanity in front of

the female members of the KBPP. As a result of this argument, PAM (Last Name Unknown) became ill and had to be taken from the meeting and taken home by RICK OLIVER. PAM (Last Name Unknown) is supposedly a victim of heart trouble.

At the meeting it was announced that PAT GRESHAM had learned from MIKE WELCH earlier that day that LEON LAWLESS had gotten out of jail sometime on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1973, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES, PAT GRESHAM, RICK OLIVER and CAROLLE MORRIS met at the office at 9:30 AM, and from the office went to the MARTIN LUTHER KING Rally. CLARKSON spoke at the rally and the others provided security for him, although none of the individuals who accompanied CLARKSON to the rally had any weapons on their person. At the rally CLARKSON spoke regarding the party's role in the black community and how it is constantly changing and how the black community should deal with drug problems.

The group returned to Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) after the rally, arriving at SCEF at approximately 3:30 PM.

BRUCE CONWAY was at SCEF working on a leaflet publicizing the fact that MIKE CLARKSON goes to trial on Monday, April 9, 1973. PAT GRESHAM, RICK OLIVER and HERBJONES indicated that they may travel to Lexington on Monday in order to pass out leaflets. It is doubtful whether or not HERB JONES will make the trip to Lexington inasmuch as he is scheduled to have a hearing on Monday with regard to his defaulting on his car payments.

The party had a meeting on Wednesday night. This meeting began at approximately 6:30 PM and ended at approximately 8:00 PM. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 6:00 but no one showed up until 6:30. MIKE CLARKSON led the discussion at the meeting. In addition to CLARKSON, RICK OLIVER, CAROLLE MORRIS, HERB JONES, PAM (Last Name Unknown), PAT GRESHAM, and BRUCE CONWAY were at the meeting.

CLARKSON discussed the book "War in America", which is believed to be a book written by RICHARD HENRY, President of the Republic of New Africa (RNA). CLARKSON brought this book with him from Jackson, Mississippi, where he purchased it at the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) Rally.

The book deals with how revolutionary forces in the United States should react to present conditions. The book advocates violence.

Also at the meeting party members discussed the party's bussing program, which is scheduled to begin on Saturday, April 7, 1973. Originally the party was going to have at least two and possibly three buses for the bussing program, however, they have been able to obtain only the Plymouth Settlement House bus and this is the only bus that will be used. The bus is scheduled to leave the Plymouth Settlement House at 8:00 AM and travel to LaGrange, Kentucky. To date, ten individuals have made reservations on the bus to make the trip to LaGrange. The Plymouth Settlement House will provide a driver for the bus and HERB JONES is the only party member scheduled to make the trip.

On Thursday, April 5, 1973, HERB JONES taped a spot for radio stations WLOU and WKLO regarding the party's bussing program.

At around 4:00 PM, MIKE CLARKSON, BEN SIMMONS, RICK OLIVER, CAROLLE MORRIS and HERB JONES met at SCEF where they talked about LEON LAWLESS. LAWLESS returned to Louisville from Memphis on Thursday morning and since his return had related four different stories to party members concerning his arrest. One version of the arrest was that LAWLESS was arrested outside of the hotel where he was staying; another version, inside the hotel in his room; another while he was at breakfast away from the hotel; and still another, while he was attempting to hitchhike back to Louisville, Kentucky. This has caused party members to be suspicious of LAWLESS.

Another cause for suspicion with regard to LAWLESS is the fact that he stated that after his arrest he was questioned by a Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Agent because when he was arrested he had some literature in his possession on how to make bombs. Party members became particularly alarmed inasmuch as an unidentified Negro male arrived in Louisville on Thursday afternoon driving a 1963 white Chevrolet. Party members fear that this individual is a CIA undercover agent and LAWLESS was observed driving around town with this individual.

RICK OLIVER, BEN SIMMONS and MIKE CLARKSON attempted to locate LEON LAWLESS on Thursday night in an attempt to find out exactly who this unidentified individual is.

Due to the fact that party members feared that a CIA Agent was in town, the political education class for Thursday evening was called off.

BEN SIMMONS and MIKE CLARKSON were scheduled to speak at the University of Louisville Black Arts Festival which is being sponsored by the Black Student Union at the University of Louisville. According to party members, JOE WALLER from the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO) is also supposed to talk at the festival sometime on Friday evening, April 6, 1973. WALLER will supposedly be accompanied by fellow JOMO member, DONALD LEE.

G.T. ALEXANDER is quite upset over the fact that a CIA Agent is supposedly in Louisville and has decided that he is going to leave town as soon as possible. ALEXANDER fears that the CIA Agent is after him because when LEON LAWLESS was arrested, LAWLESS had in his possession a credit card with ALEXANDER's address on it. ALEXANDER fears that the address on the credit card will lead the CIA to him and he does not want to talk to any CIA Agent.

The party has decided that each party member will be required to pay a minimum of twenty-five dollars per month dues to the party. The party is in bad financial straits at the present time inasmuch as the rent is still due as is the gas and light bill. The telephone remains disconnected at the party office.

[redacted], despite the fact that she is now out of the hospital, still appears to be rather weak as a result of her hospital stay. No one in the party talks about [redacted] being hospitalized and source is still not certain as to why [redacted] went into the hospital although it is suspected that [redacted] was ill due to the fact that she was pregnant. The possibility exists that [redacted] got an abortion while she was in the hospital.

The original plan when the party decided to name ministers and have a central committee was for CAROLLE MORRIS to be named Minister of Programs when she was feeling better. However, MORRIS has not been named as Minister of Programs, instead HERB JONES has been named as Minister of Programs. In addition to being Minister of Programs, JONES is Minister of Finance.

HERB JONES still plans to go to New York, and, in fact, he is looking forward to going. He plans to leave Louisville sometime next week after his court appearance, which is supposed to be on Monday, April 9, 1973.

On Wednesday night prior to the party's meeting, there was a note on the door of the office. This note was written by DWIGHT SWEENEY, a University of Louisville student who is also Director of the "Foster Grandparent" Program in Louisville. SWEENEY left the note to the effect that he wanted BEN SIMMONS and MIKE CLARKSON to speak at the University of Louisville Black Arts Festival on Thursday night. In addition, SWEENEY wanted some films from the party which he planned to show at one of his classes at the University of Louisville.

JACKIE HOWARD has not been seen since her appearance at DARRYL BLAKEMORE's trial. As far as source knows, JACKIE HOWARD is still in Chicago.

VERLINA BREWER is still employed at "Stop Dope Now." She continues to maintain that she does not want to become associated with the KBPP and as yet has not participated in any KBPP activities.

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On Wednesday, April 4, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) sponsored a commemoration march honoring MARTIN LUTHER KING. Approximately one hundred people participated in the march, and most of these individuals met at the BWC Office between 10:00 and 10:30 AM. They left the office at approximately 10:30 AM, travelling in about fourteen automobiles. These individuals then met at Ninth and Walnut Streets and began marching at approximately 10:45 AM, arriving at the Court House shortly after 11:00 AM. A little over one hundred people participated in the march, most of whom were affiliated with the BWC.

At the Court House, about ten individuals gave short speeches. Among the speakers were LEO LESSER, Reverend MILLER, BOB JEFFERSON, ROBBIE CHILDS, RON SLAUGHTER, MIKE CLARKSON, SIRI HY GANDHI, a woman from the Welfare Rights Organization in Louisville, and an unknown white male from some organization in Fairdale, Kentucky.

The speeches lasted for approximately one hour and a half and the rally broke up at approximately 12:30. None of the speeches were particularly militant, and most of the speeches dealt with the same topics, those being the need for unity among blacks and criticism of President NIXON's recent cut-backs with respect to welfare expenditures, poor housing in the black community, and the dope problem in the black community.

One of the speakers, MIKE CLARKSON, spoke on behalf of the Kentucky Black Panther Party and identified himself as a member of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). He did not speak in a militant fashion. Most of the speech dealt with the need of blacks to unite in order to rid the black community of narcotics.

There were no incidents at the march nor were there any incidents at the rally on the court house steps.

After the rally, the BWC held a discussion period at the BWC Office where they served coffee and rapped concerning various problems that exist in the black community. No new

plans nor any agreements with respect to the formation of a coalition between one or more groups resulted as a result of either the rally or of the meeting at the BWC Office afterwards.

On Thursday, April 5, 1973, BILLY BRITT arrived at the BWC Office at 9:30 AM. At approximately 10:00 AM, SONYA RAMSEY arrived at the office accompanied by another Negro female, whose name is not known.

With respect to the rally on Wednesday, most individuals associated with the BWC attended the rally and participated in the march. One of the individuals who participated in the march and was at the rally was ORVILLE GERTON. This is the first occasion on which GERTON has been observed for several months. When GERTON was asked why he has not been active within the BWC for such a long time, he merely replied, "It's a long story," but did not further elaborate.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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There was a political education class scheduled for 6:00 PM at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office. This class, however, was not held. There was a sign on the door to the effect that party members were participating in a "foster grandmotherhood program" which prevented the meeting from being held. Source is not familiar with any "foster grandmotherhood program" being sponsored by the party and suggested that perhaps this held some other meaning for party members. Source, however, is not familiar with exactly what other meaning this phrase might hold for party members.

At Monday's meeting (April 2, 1973), MIKE CLARKSON got a commitment from everyone at the meeting as to exactly when they could be at the office on a daily basis. HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON stated that they can be at the office every day at 9:00 AM; TONY MOORE at 10:30 AM; BRUCE CONWAY at 11:30 AM; PAM (Last Name Unknown) at 2:00 PM; and KEITH FANT between 5:30 and 6:00 PM.

With respect to BRUCE CONWAY, he is pretty much in and out of the office all day. He apparently does a lot of work at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and runs back and forth between SCEF and the party office pretty much all day.

MIKE CLARKSON was supposed to speak at the MARTIN LUTHER KING Commemoration Day Rally sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition on April 4, 1973. At the party's meeting on Tuesday night (April 3, 1973), CLARKSON read his speech to fellow KBPP members to make sure that it sounded all right. The speech was non-violent and for CLARKSON very mild. In his speech, CLARKSON suggested that blacks "get together" and maintained that the chief problem in the black community is to get rid of narcotics.

Earlier on Tuesday, MIKE CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY had an argument at the party office. Apparently there had been some type of radio announcement made either on Monday or early on Tuesday to the effect that G.T. ALEXANDER had been expelled from the party. CONWAY contended that G.T. ALEXANDER had never been confronted with the possibility

of being expelled prior to the announcement and that he should have been so confronted prior to there being any type of public announcement made as to his expulsion.

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 4, 1973

On Tuesday, April 4, 1973, approximately 6:30 a.m. HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON and TONY MOORE were at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church where they participated in the party's free breakfast program. In addition to JONES, CLARKSON and MOORE three or four neighborhood women helped them prepare breakfast for the children. Between 40 and 50 participated in the program.

Afterward CLARKSON, JONES and MOORE went to the party office where they spoke concerning the various duties which individual members in the party will be assigned.

The party held a political education meeting at the party office at 6:00 p.m. Party members at the meeting included MIKE CLARKSON, BRUCE CONWAY, RICK OLIVER, HERB JONES, PAT GRESHAM, KEITH FANT, TONY MOORE, CAROL MORRIS and PAM (Last Name Unknown).

Toward the middle of the meeting PAM (LNU) had to be taken from the meeting and brought home. RICK OLIVER took her from the meeting. PAM (LNU) claims that she has heart trouble and an incident at the meeting caused her to have what she said was a mild heart attack. The incident which caused PAM (LNU) to have the heart attack was as follows.

BRUCE CONWAY while talking at the meeting uttered some profanities. RICK OLIVER objected to CONWAY's use of profanity because there were "sisters" at the meeting. CONWAY asked OLIVER if he were a girl, when OLIVER said no, CONWAY said if any of the girls have objections to his language let them talk up. OLIVER then told CONWAY that if he persisted in using profanity that he would be removed from the meeting. CONWAY then asked OLIVER if OLIVER

thought he was man enough to remove CONWAY from the meeting. At this point, OLIVER drew an automatic hand weapon on CONWAY. This greatly upset PAM (LNU).

The meeting was lead by HERB JONES. JONES spoke in a great militant fashion at the meeting. He stated that anyone who opposes the party or interferes with the party's operation should be killed.

There is another political education class scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 1973. This political education class will probably again be lead by HERB JONES.

Party members were urged to participate in the Martin Luther King Commemoration March to be held in downtown Louisville on April 4, 1973. MIKE CLARKSON is scheduled to speak at this rally and this is one of the reasons why party members were urged to attend.

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On April 3, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKLAND, Louisville, Kentucky, Police Department was advised that individuals associating at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) planned to participate in the Martin Luther King Commemoration March being sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition on April 4, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky
April 3, 1973

On Thursday night, March 29, 1973, seven individuals associated with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) left Louisville, Kentucky, to travel to Jackson, Mississippi, to participate in the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) rally, March 30-31, 1973. Most of these individuals returned to Louisville, Kentucky, on Monday, April 2, 1973.

During the time these individuals were out of the city there was no activity at the KBPP Office.

On Monday, April 2, 1973, the KBPP held a meeting which began shortly after 6:00 p.m. and ended at approximately 8:00 p.m. The party members who attended this meeting were BRUCE CONWAY, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES, TOMMY SMITH, PAT GRESHAM, G. T. ALEXANDER, KEITH FANT, TONY MOORE and negro female known only as PAM (Last name unknown)(LNU). PAM (LNU) is one of G. T. ALEXANDER's girlfriends. She is interested in becoming a member of the party.

PAM (LNU) is described as follows: Negro female, 5'10", 130 pounds, medium complexion, age 19, attractive, nice figure. The impression was gained that PAM (LNU) attends school although it is not known where. Apparently PAT GRESHAM is friendly with PAM (LNU) inasmuch as GRESHAM asked PAM (LNU) when PAM (LNU) first arrived at the office how PAM (LNU) was feeling

At the meeting it was announced that all party members will be expected to be at the office every night this week at 6:00 p.m. in order to attend party education

classes. These classes will be conducted by MIKE CLARKSON. CLARKSON indicated that the party was going to run a "much tighter ship" and this was one of the methods he was using to "tighten things up".

G. T. ALEXANDER was suspended from the party for thirty days for something he did while he was in Jackson, Mississippi.

One of the things discussed at the meeting was the fact that LEON LAWLESS was left in a hotel by G. T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON and as a result was arrested. Source does not know where this arrest took place but got the impression that it might have been in Jackson, Mississippi.

As a result of conversation at the meeting and after the meeting, source got the impression that G. T. ALEXANDER, LEON LAWLESS and MIKE CLARKSON were returning to Louisville, Kentucky, from Jackson, Mississippi, traveling in TOMMY SMITH's car when SMITH's car broke down. They then stayed at a hotel or motel somewhere until ALEXANDER and CLARKSON were wired money by their families which enabled them to purchase a bus ticket and return to Louisville. LAWLESS however was unable to come up with any money and after he was deserted by CLARKSON and ALEXANDER he was arrested. LAWLESS is currently in jail somewhere.

MIKE CLARKSON announced that the party now expects that each member will contribute at least \$25 per month to help defer the cost of running the party.

It was announced that party members are expected to participate in the Martin Luther King Commemoration March to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 4, 1973. This march is being sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition.

MIKE CLARKSON seems to be asserting himself more and more within the party and at the present time he is probably the strongest force within the party. CLARKSON is a strict disciplinarian. He is very harsh on other party members. During the meeting on Monday, G. T. ALEXANDER was requested to leave the meeting because he is on probation and as such cannot participate in any party function. G. T. ALEXANDER was very angry at having to leave the meeting.

TOMMY SMITH was very upset with G. T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON (especially with G. T. ALEXANDER for some reason) because they had left his car in Mississippi.

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King's memory honored by marchers, speakers

By MARVIN AUBESPIN
Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Yesterday was a wet, cloudy, dreary day. Not exactly the perfect day for a march and speeches.

But the people came anyway, almost 100—young and old, black and white, politicians, community leaders and just plain folks.

They came to pay honor to the memory of the late civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, and to protest the cuts being made in federally financed programs that aid the poor.

Dr. King, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was assassinated April 4, 1968, while in Memphis, Tenn., trying to help that city's striking sanitation workers.

Led by five young people carrying a banner that read "Do You Remember Dr. Martin L. King" and a full police escort, the march, sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition, left Ninth Street. Elementary schoolchildren brought outside by teachers watched the marchers and Central High School students peered from windows at them. Singing civil-rights songs popular during Dr. King's leadership and chanting power slogans, the marchers moved to the Jefferson County Courthouse.

Joined by a small crowd, the marchers gathered in front of the Courthouse where they heard a wide range of speakers praise Dr. King and challenge the community to solve its problems.

The Rev. Leo Lesser, a Democratic

candidate for mayor of Louisville, told the crowd the community is losing funds for the programs Dr. King worked for, although the city has received \$9 million in federal revenue-sharing monies.

"The Witten-led aldermen appropriated \$110,000 for a riding stable to house 20 horses . . . How can he justify this expenditure when 433 children may lose day-care services?" Lesser asked.

Moscoe Rapier, of the Black Workers Coalition, called on union members to ask that a "Martin L. King Day" be observed as a holiday, when negotiating union contracts.

The Rev. W. J. Hodge, urban program director for the Louisville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), said Dr. King reached people in many ways, but most of all he was a worker.

"Words alone won't save us from oppression nor give us liberation . . . we have to work . . . go home or to the organizations you belong to and let's all get to work," the Rev. Mr. Hodge said.

The Rev. Mr. Hodge said Dr. King led people on many dangerous marches to register to vote, yet only 19,000 blacks in Louisville voted in 1970.

Michael Clarkson, of the Louisville Black Panthers, told the group that one priority is for the black community to rid itself of crimes against one another and drugs. He attacked some black movies as giving the wrong image to black youth and said the community itself has to move against its own problems.

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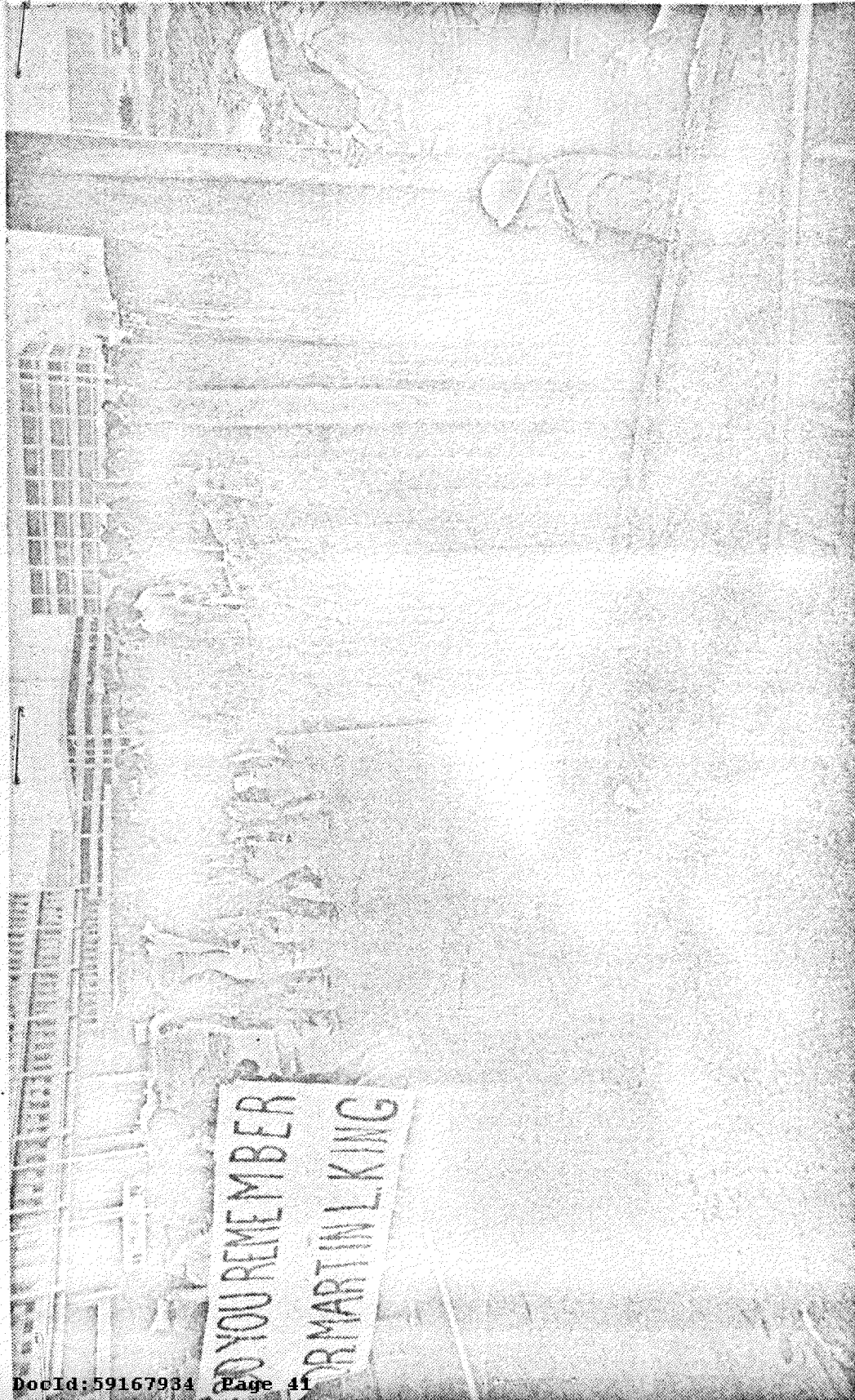
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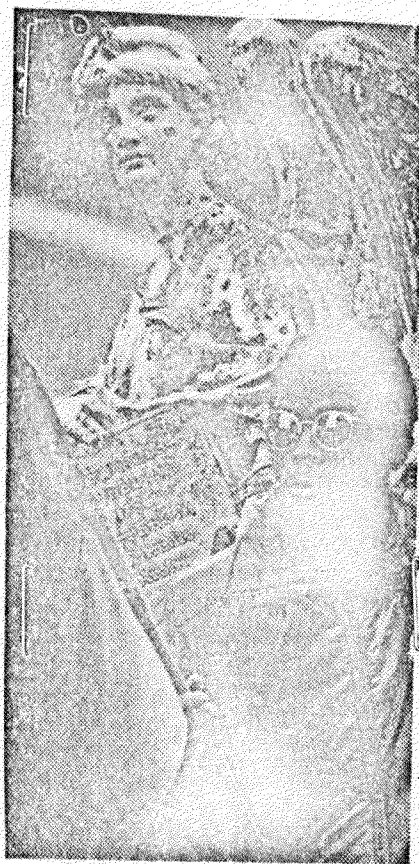


In memory of Dr. King

MARCHERS commemorating the fifth anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King walked along Chestnut Street in downtown

Louisville yesterday past construction workers. The march ended with speeches at the Jefferson County Courthouse. (Story, Page B 11.)

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ONE OF THE marchers climbed the statue in front of the Jefferson County courthouse to hear the speakers remembering Dr. Martin Luther King.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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On Saturday, March 31, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a board meeting during the afternoon hours at which time the Martin Luther King Commemoration March was discussed. This march is supposed to take place in Louisville, Kentucky, on April 4, 1973.

The board members also discussed the BWC's program with regard to attempting to get as many registered to vote as possible if they are to receive or continue this program.

After the board meeting some blacks employed at International Harvester stopped by the office to air a few grievances with regard to employment at International Harvester.

The BWC plans to renovate its office space, apparently has met with a few problems inasmuch as party members are no longer doing very much work on the office space. The office space has been cleaned up quite a bit and it is much more presentable in appearance, however it is both badly in need of paint and the heat still does not work. In addition the lighting is very poor and at times does not work at all.

Despite the fact that the BWC was not going to hold any meetings until it fixed up its office space, the meeting was held on Sunday, April 1, 1973. The meeting concerned the Martin Luther King March and as usual for Sunday meetings, the office was completely filled up with people.

On Monday, April 2, 1973, the office was very busy as just about all members of the BWC were at the office making preparations for the April 4 march.

A negro female named SONYA RAMSEY was at the office on Monday. She is a negro female in her early twenties. She had with her at the office her two year old son. While at the office RAMSEY was addressing letters. RAMSEY is the individual who wrote two articles in the last issue of the EWC newspaper "The Black Community's Voice". Source recalls having observed RAMSEY on one other occasion a few weeks ago at one of the EWC's meetings. Apparently RAMSEY is becoming more active with the EWC.

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It should be noted that with regard to BOB CUNNINGHAM, Louisville 157-1760, in the past source has referred to CUNNINGHAM as BOB CUMMINGS. Source noted that apparently CUNNINGHAM is his real name, however, at the BWC Office most BWC members refer to him merely as CUMMINGS.

On March 29, 1973, source provided a copy of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) newspaper, "Voice of the People", Volume I, No. II, March, 1973. This newspaper is being attached to a copy of this report being designated for Louisville file 157-1469 (SubA).

Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, has been previously advised regarding the plans of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) to help the KBPP publicize the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON.

On March 29, 1973, source provided a leaflet entitled, "Yes - 73" (Youth Employment Service), which leaflet is being passed out by members of the BWC. This leaflet is being attached to a copy of this report designated for 157-1219.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 29, 1973

On Tuesday, March 27, 1973, members of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) had a meeting at around 6:00 PM at the BWC Office. Those members present from the BWC were ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, MOSE RAPIER, RON SLAUGHTER, J. CHANDLER, BOB CUNNINGHAM, and JIMMY COX. Between six and eight members of the KBPP (None of whose names are known) were at the office.

The purpose of the meeting was to settle minor differences between the BWC and KBPP which had developed in the past. The KBPP and the BWC agreed that in the future they will cooperate more with each other. This cooperation will extend to such things as members of the KBPP participating in future demonstrations which the BWC will hold, such as the MARTIN LUTHER KING Commemoration March on April 4, 1973.

In turn, the BWC agreed that they will help the KBPP help publicize the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON and the imprisonment of DARRYL BLAKEMORE. The KBPP and BWC will also cooperate in an attempt to rid the black community of drugs. Most of the discussion centered around publicizing the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS indicated that he feels the BWC and the KBPP can cooperate with each other in the future as long as there is no violence involved in their activity.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1973, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and LEONARD ROBERTS were at the BWC Office late in the afternoon. There were several other individuals at the office and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was explaining to these individuals that the BWC has agreed to cooperate with the KBPP and that this would probably mean that KBPP members would be participating in some BWC activities in the future.

With respect to this agreement between the BWC and the KBPP, WOODROW ROBERTS is very much opposed to the establishment of any type of working relationship between the two groups. MOSE RAPIER appears to be against such an

arrangement also, although RAPIER, unlike WOODROW ROBERTS, has not spoken out against it.

On Thursday, March 29, 1973, during the morning hours, RON SLAUGHTER was at the BWC Office cleaning up. The office has been mopped up and all of the cabinets have been cleaned out and the material contained in the files has been thrown out with the exception of a few files which the BWC considers "vital." BWC members will probably paint the office this coming weekend.

Recently the BWC had some placards printed up which publicizes the MARTIN LUTHER KING Commemoration March on April 4, 1973. On the placards, the Black Workers Coalition's name appears along with the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Walk of Concern

By: Bob Cunningham

On Jan. 20, 1973 there was a march and rally of approx. 2500 people through the streets of downtown Lou. in opposition to the war in Vietnam and in support of freeing American prisoners of that war. I was astonished at the amount of support and concern that was shown by the people of Lou. on that particular issue. As a member of the Black community I'm left wondering how many concerned citizens would get in the street to dramatize their care and concern for the war against Black and poor people that's being waged against these unfortunate American everyday right here in Louisville. For those of you who fail to recognize these conditions of the poor and Black as war, I must inform you that, unemployment, substandard housing, inadequate medical attention, unbalanced diet, inferior education and poverty in general are inhuman conditions that kills people just as dead as the bullet of a Viet-Cong sniper. The Black P.O.W. comes home only to find that he is still a prisoner of American racism here at home. So we of the B.W.C. and the Black community are calling on all people of good will to join with us on April 4, 1973 which is the anniversary of the assassination of Bro. Martin Luther King, to show our concern and discontent of these inhuman condition. WE PLEDGE THE SUPPORT OF ALL Schools, Churches, Civic organization and anyone who values human life. Let's all come together to loudly protest these acts of man's inhumanity to man. We will assemble at 9th Walnut at 11:00am, on April 4, 1973. For further information call The Black Workers Coalition (776-6481)

Who's in Your Corner?

By: Sonya Ramsey

This week, who's in your corner, looks at "Robbie" Childs, Black candidate for ninth ward alderman. Robbie states "the first duties of a good alderman is to keep the people informed about the issues being discussed by the Board of Alderman that will eventually affect their

It is the duty of the alderman to be constantly aware of ways and means to educate the masses. After she is elected, Robbie plans to issue leaflets stating: what she has done; what she hasn't done; and the reasons she done this because she knows the people must be able to relate to her before they will be in her corner. She realizes that she must be the public's servant" and not a Public servant.

Due to her belief in "power in numbers", she feels that the community must support her efforts to get their needs; therefore, she wants the people to let the city officials know exactly what they want and push to get it. The "grass roots" people are most important to Robbie. Robbie knows that the problems of the "grass roots" people are invisible to the "silent majority" or the public; therefore, she feels that the masses must elect officials who will promote their desire to form and control programs which will affect their community. Robbie Childs know the people who are in her corner---Now, you must decide---Who's in your corner

Voter Registration Rally

By: Sonya Ramsey

On Saturday, March 10, 1973, a rally was held at 677 So. 40th Street sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition in order to bring the Black candidates together who are seeking political offices in the fall. The reason for this rally was to allow the candidates to inform the Black community about where they stand on issues that relate to problems in the Black community; also to kick-off their Voter-Registration Drive. The candidates who responded were the following:

Ray Hudson	43rd Dist. Rep
Leo Lesser	Mayor
Rachelle Edmundson	10 ward alder
Bruce Conway	5 ward alder
Robbie Childs	11 ward alder
Mattie Jones	12 ward alder
Lois Morris	12 ward alder

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The general attitudes of the candidates was that they knew and understood the problems of the Black community. There was also a great deal of concern about the Black candidates who did not come and this was felt not only by the people from the community who attended the rally but also from the other Black candidates who responded to the meeting; however, though these candidates did not show at the rally, neither was there a great response by the community at the rally; therefore, one can look at the situation both ways --- Are the candidates non-responsive because of the unconcern shown by the Black community or Is the Black community unresponsive because of the Black candidates do not take time out to go into the Black community to let the people know where they are coming from in their efforts to get the support of the community. Whatever the case may be, each Black candidate and each member of the Black community should check himself out--- Ask himself this question--- Are you neglecting your part regarding the issues concerning the Black community when you don't do because others don't do?

"Whites"

By: Liz Tucker

Whites are really monkey,
Thats why we call them honkey.
Whites are dirty, "you dig"
Thats whey we call them pig.
Whites are werv stinking
They all looking linking.
Whites are against the Black,
Thats why we go together their slack.
Whites are not together.
But Black Is My Brother!

Books of Interest "

Marcus Garvey
By: E. David Cronon

Blood in my eyes
By: George Jackson

Africa Must Unite
By: Cruma

Before the Mayflower
By: Lerone Bennett

PSALM OF NIXON

Nixon is my sheperd, I shall not want. He leadeth me beside the steel factories. He restored my doubt in the Republican Party He guideth me to the path of unemployment, for the Party sake I do not fear evil for thou are against me
Thou ancintist my wages with Freezes, so that my expenses runneth over my income. Surely poverty and hard living shall follow the Republican Party And I shall live in a rental home forever. Five thousand years ago Moses said, "Park your camel, Pick up your shovel, mount your ass, and I shall lead you to the Promised Land". Five Thousand years later FDR said, "lay down your shovel, sit on your ass, light up a camel, this is the Promised Land." Today, Nixon will tax your shovel, sell your camel, kick your ass and tell you there is no Promised Land"

P.S.
I am glad I am an American
I am glad that I am Free
But I wish I were a little doggie and Nixon was a tree.

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Memorial service, march planned to honor Dr. King

The Black Workers Coalition is planning a march and memorial service for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. tomorrow—the fifth anniversary of the civil rights leader's assassination.

Robert Cunningham, a spokesman for the coalition, said the march will begin at 10 a.m. at Ninth and Walnut Streets. The marchers will go west on Walnut to 13th street, south on 13th to Chestnut, east on Chestnut to Fourth, north on Fourth to Jefferson and west on Jefferson to Sixth, where local politicians and representatives of local organizations will speak on the steps of the county courthouse.

The principal speaker will be Bob Jefferies, of Memphis, a deputy director of the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission. Master of ceremonies will be the Rev. Leo Lesser.

Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the workers coalition, said the march is one of several in the nation called for by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity), to protest federal antipoverty fund cutbacks.

Roberts said some of the people tentatively scheduled to speak tomorrow are: The Rev. W. J. Hodge, of the NAACP; Henry Owens III, 11th Ward alderman; Mrs. Martha Rouse, Louisville Tenants Union; Michael Clarkson, Louisville Black Panthers; Rachelle Edmondson, Russell Area Council; Robbie Childs, candidate 9th Ward alderman; Ernest Johnson, candidate for Sheriff of Jefferson County, and representatives from the Urban League and the Black Student Union.

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Black Workers Coalition Plans Memorial Service For King

The Black Workers Coalition will sponsor its third annual Memorial Service for the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who was slain five years ago on April 4.

On Wednesday, April 4, a parade preceeding the memorial service will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at

the corner of Ninth and Walnut Streets. Persons who plan to attend the memorial services, but who do not wish to join the march, should come to the Court House, corner of Six and Jefferson Streets, at 11:00 a.m. on April 4.

Bro. Bob Jefferies, deputy director of EEOC,

will be the keynote speaker, in addition to several local speakers. Rev. Leo Lesser, candidate for Mayor of Louisville, will serve as Master of Ceremonies.

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On Saturday, March 24, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held its board meeting at the BWC Office. The meeting lasted from approximately 1:00 PM until 5:30 PM. All of the board members were present.

It was decided at the meeting that the BWC Office will be cleaned up, fixed up and painted. At the present time, the BWC Office is in disrepair inasmuch as the electrical fixtures do not work, the back porch is almost falling apart, the paint is peeling off and there is no heat in the office. All of the board members voted to spend enough money to get the office fixed up with the exception of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and JAMES CHANDLER. ROBERTS and CHANDLER argued that there was really no necessity to spend money to fix up the office.

At one point, MOSE RAPIER got extremely angry with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS for ROBERTS' opposition to the repairing of the office. RAPIER alluded to the fact that the BWC should have enough money to cover the cost of any expenses incurred and if the BWC does not have this money, it is ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' fault inasmuch as he has diverted money from the BWC and has used the money for his personal use.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS did not offer any defense to MOSE RAPIER's thinly disguised accusation.

Also at the board meeting there was discussion concerning plans which will be made regarding the MARTIN LUTHER KING commemoration march to be held in Louisville on April 4, 1973. The BWC is attempting to get black workers to stay home from work on that day and to participate in the BWC's parade. In addition, VANITA TINKER has been writing letters to various schools in Louisville in an attempt to get schools to allow the children to be excused from school in order to participate in the parade.

On Sunday, March 25, 1973, the BWC held its community meeting. Approximately sixty people were present. As usual various grievances were accepted from black workers

present at the meeting, and there was a general discussion regarding grievances which black workers experience on their jobs.

Also at the meeting, BWC members spoke about the voter registration drive which the BWC is currently conducting. BWC members claim that this is the chief priority on the BWC program at this time. The BWC will probably publicize its voter registration campaign by placing an ad in some of the local newspapers in the near future.

Some of the individuals present at the meeting were highly critical of the BWC because it was their opinion that the BWC is not too well organized. One criticism voiced was that many of the BWC programs are "half baked". In particular, the BWC was criticized because apparently it had initiated a program in which it would attempt to help blacks acquire jobs in the Louisville area. This program has never gotten off the ground and this was cited as one of the BWC's "half baked" ideas.

It was announced at the meeting that the BWC will not hold any more Sunday community meetings until the BWC's office space is repaired. It is anticipated that it will take between two and three weeks for BWC members to repair the office. Until that time, there will be no further meetings.

Despite the fact that there will be no Sunday meetings, the BWC still plans to hold its Tuesday night meetings for children who wish to participate in the BWC's anti-drug program.

On Monday, March 26, 1973, RON SLAUGHTER, MOSE RAPIER, BOB CUMMINGS, VANITA TINKER and JAMES CHANDLER as well as ROOSEVELT ROBERTS stopped by the office sometime during the day in order to help clean up the BWC Office.

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Copies of this report are being furnished Newark in view of their investigative interest in MARK ALLEN SMITH.

On March 28, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the tentative plans of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) to help the KBPP publicize the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 28, 1973

On Tuesday at noon, MIKE CLARKSON, HERB JONES and TONY MOORE were at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office counting party newspapers and making them ready for sale. MIKE CLARKSON has become the unofficial officer of the day at the office because he is the only party member not otherwise occupied with either a job or school.

While at the office, CLARKSON made a telephone call to WLOU Radio Station and dictated a release to the radio station which will be aired on WLOU three times a day for the next few days. The release had to do with the "TIP" program, which is a recently innovated program in Louisville which urges individuals who have any knowledge of pushers to turn them in, hence, the name "Turn in a Pusher" (TIP). CLARKSON, in his release, claims that the letters "TIP" should stand for "Turn in a Policeman" and not "Turn in a Pusher" because the policemen are the real enemies of the community. CLARKSON suggested that with regard to the war on the pusher that the party should be allowed to deal with the pushers not the police.

At approximately 1:30 PM, BEN SIMMONS and MARK SMITH (SMITTY) arrived at the office. According to "SMITTY", he arrived in Louisville by bus at approximately 8:00 AM earlier that day. SIMMONS and "SMITTY" stayed at the office for approximately one hour, mostly talking about the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) Rally. According to "SMITTY", he had arrived in Louisville with plans to leave with KBPP members in order to travel to Jackson, Mississippi, to attend the rally. "SMITTY" says that he is now uncertain whether or not he will make that trip because the city of Jackson has denied the request for a parade permit and "SMITTY" is afraid there will be trouble.

BEN SIMMONS stated that his plans have not changed, and he still plans to attend the rally. SIMMONS announced that there will be a meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 28, 1973, at SCEF at which time it will be decided exactly who is going and exactly when they will leave.

At approximately 2:30 PM an individual known only as RODNEY (Last Name Unknown) arrived at the office and stated that he is either originally from Chicago or recently arrived from Chicago and had planned to join the party in Chicago. However, he stated he never quite got around to it, but now that he is in Louisville, he wants to become a member of the party. RODNEY (Last Name Unknown) took a security form and stated that he will return the form at a later date.

At approximately 6:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS, "SMITTY", BRUCE CONWAY, and MIKE CLARKSON, as well as PAT GRESHAM, HERB JONES and G.T. ALEXANDER met with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS and three more individuals associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) at the BWC's Office. The meeting lasted for approximately an hour and a half. All the differences between the KBPP and the BWC were supposedly ironed out at this meeting.

One of the main grievances that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had against the KBPP was that at an earlier meeting of the BWC, G.T. ALEXANDER had spoken out quite vociferously against the BWC and had disrupted the meeting. ROBERTS demanded an apology from ALEXANDER. (ALEXANDER did apologize). The KBPP and the BWC agreed that they will form a coalition which will mean that they will work on various activities together. For example, the BWC agreed to help the KBPP publicize the arrest of CEDRIC WILSON and to help in any way they can to get WILSON released.

The KBPP agreed to help the BWC with regard to BWC grievances against International Harvester and Ford. The KBPP will participate in any future demonstrations that the BWC conducts at the International Harvester and/or Ford Plants.

BEN SIMMONS made it clear at this meeting that he was attending the meeting in his capacity as a national leader with the Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction and not because he is associated with the KBPP. SIMMONS stated that he was merely overseeing the meeting because one of his functions as a national leader is to look into any difficulties that a local chapter is having and to help straighten them out.

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Copies of this report are being furnished New York in view of their investigative interest in the Black Panther Party - Cleaver Faction, and also in view of their investigative interest with respect to BERNICE JONES.

On March 27, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised regarding KBPP activities with respect to the KBPP's offering support of CEDRIC WILSON, who was recently arrested and charged with the shooting of a Louisville police officer.

On March 27, 1973, JACK OSTWALT, Postal Inspector, advised that the holder of Post Office Box 2032 is FRED D. JAMES, 1713 Edgeland Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, under the name of Publications of Social Practice. JAMES is the holder of this Post Office Box number as of February 8, 1973.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 27, 1973

On Thursday, March 22, 1973, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) had a meeting at its office from 6:00 PM until approximately 6:45 PM. Attending the meeting were G.T. ALEXANDER, RICK OLIVER, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON and PAT GRESHAM.

The meeting dealt with problems currently being encountered by the KBPP, especially with regard to the lack of interest and the lack of discipline being displayed by party members. It was decided at the meeting that the party should turn over a new leaf. All party members, former party members, community workers and former community workers will be contacted personally in an effort to get from each a definite commitment with respect to her or his intention toward the party. At this time, it will be determined whether or not an individual is still interested in being affiliated with the party, and if so, what he is willing to do by way of working for the party.

It was decided that party members will "work over" [redacted] because he is selling drugs but still claims to be a member of the KBPP.

It was also decided that party members will "work over" [redacted] because he still owes the party money which he apparently has no intention of paying.

On Friday, March 23, 1973, BEN SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES were at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) at approximately noon. SIMMONS stated that earlier that morning he had been in telephonic contact with the Republic of New Africa (RNA) in New York regarding the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) Rally. According to SIMMONS, the individual to whom he spoke wanted to know how many individuals from Louisville would be attending the rally and when they would be leaving Louisville for Jackson. SIMMONS stated that he told this individual that KBPP members would probably leave Louisville either late Thursday or early Friday. SIMMONS was probably confused with respect to when party members will leave Louisville inasmuch as the rally is scheduled to start on Friday. The original plan of the KBPP

was for party members to leave Louisville on Wednesday, March 28, 1973.

According to SIMMONS, he is no longer in any way responsible for security at the rally because he is definitely scheduled to speak at the rally and his speaking responsibilities preclude his participation with respect to establishing security at the rally.

With respect to the Jackson rally, it is anticipated that BEN SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON, BRUCE CONWAY and G.T. ALEXANDER will attend the rally. The possibility exists that HERB JONES and PAT GRESHAM will also attend the rally.

Originally, HERB JONES did not anticipate attending the rally because he was scheduled to be in New York by April 1, 1973. However, recently JONES received a subpoena which ordered him to appear in court with regard to a civil suit brought against him by a finance company. JONES was subpoenaed for April 9, 1973. HERB JONES then telephoned BERNICE JONES and explained the situation to her, and BERNICE JONES told HERB JONES that he did not have to report to New York until mid-April. JONES is being sued by the finance company with respect to his defaulting on car payments.

The party's newspaper, "Voice of the People", was ready by late Friday afternoon. However, it was decided that the party would not begin selling the papers until Saturday, March 24, 1973.

On Friday evening, BRUCE CONWAY, G.T. ALEXANDER, HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON and RICK OLIVER met at G.T. ALEXANDER's apartment. At this meeting it was decided that the party will discontinue its policy of having a collective leadership and instead utilize a central committee and have a chairman of the central committee. At the meeting it was decided that the central committee will consist of seven ministers and from these ministers there will be selected a chairman. The ministers were named as follows:

G.T. ALEXANDER	Minister of Education
MIKE CLARKSON	Minister of Information
RICK OLIVER	Minister of Defense
HERB JONES	Minister of Finance

BRUCE CONWAY

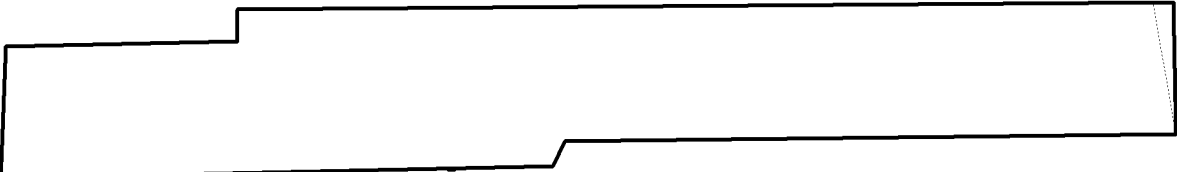
Minister of Justice

PAT GRESHAM

Branch Secretary.

A minister of programs will be selected at a later date. It is anticipated that CAROLLE MORRIS will be selected as Minister of Programs when her health allows. Until the selection of ministers is complete, the party will continue to function with BRUCE CONWAY and G.T. ALEXANDER heading the party as the collective leadership.

There will be various coordinators who will be subordinate to the various ministers and these coordinators will be mainly responsible for the "leg work" with respect to various functions related to the various ministerial positions.



The discontinuance of the collective leadership and the naming of a central committee have done much to instill enthusiasm within party members. Enthusiasm and morale are very high within the party at the present time, as a result of the reorganization.

BEN SIMMONS was not named as a minister and will not be on the central committee because he has stated that he does not want to function as part of the KBPP any longer.

On Saturday, March 24, 1973, party members sold the party newspaper from approximately 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. G.T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON sold the paper on Fourth Street while HERB JONES sold the paper at Consolidated on Jefferson Street, and PAT GRESHAM sold the paper around 18th and Broadway. BRUCE CONWAY was responsible for selling the newspaper in the Newburg Area. Approximately one hundred papers were sold at twenty-five cents a copy. Inside each issue of the party newspaper there was included a four-page insert entitled, "African Solidarity Day" which advertises the Jackson Rally.

It is anticipated that when KBPP members travel to Jackson, Mississippi, to attend the rally, they will take with them about five hundred copies of "Voice of the People" and approximately five thousand copies of "African Solidarity Day" which they will attempt to sell at the rally.

On Sunday, March 25, 1973, there was a party meeting held at G.T. ALEXANDER's apartment from 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. Party members at the meeting included G.T. ALEXANDER, RICK OLIVER, HERB JONES, BRUCE CONWAY, MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESHAM, JOHN STARKS, EDDIE HARRIS, and NANCY PENICK.

The main purpose for calling the meeting was to inform community workers that there had been a reorganization with respect to the leadership of the KBPP. They were also informed that the new office hours will be from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM, and party members and community workers will be expected to account for their whereabouts at all times in the event they cannot sign in at the office. An attempt was made to get a definite commitment from each party member and community worker as to when they can be at the office in order to help with the party work. MIKE CLARKSON and PAT GRESHAM said that they could be at the office any time they are needed. EDDIE HARRIS stated that he could be at the office every day after 3:00 PM, while NANCY PENICK stated that she can be at the office on Saturdays and Sundays all day, but would not be able to be at the office during the week.

On Monday, March 26, 1973, the party held a press conference at its office from approximately 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM. This press conference was called by MIKE CLARKSON in his capacity of Minister of Information. The conference dealt with the recent arrest of CEDRIC WILSON, who is charged with the recent shooting of a Louisville police officer.

At the news conference WILSON's mother and three sisters were present and spoke claiming that WILSON is innocent and a grave injustice has been done. CLARKSON announced that the KBPP will take up WILSON's cause and do everything it can to free him. WILSON will be furnished with an attorney obtained by the KBPP, as stated by CLARKSON. In all probability this attorney will be either BILL ALLISON or ALLISON's assistant (a white female).

The news conference was covered by radio station WLOU, "The Louisville Defender", and television stations, WAVE, WLKY, and WHAS. The "Courier-Journal" also had a reporter there.

After the news conference was over, party members, including HERB JONES, RICK OLIVER, MIKE CLARKSON and BRUCE CONWAY met with Mrs. WILSON and obtained some background information regarding CEDRIC WILSON. The party plans to print some leaflets up with respect to WILSON and distribute them in the near future.

At approximately 6:00 PM on Monday, the party held a meeting. The meeting lasted from approximately 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM at the party office.

Those present included RICK OLIVER, HERB JONES, MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESHAM, BRUCE CONWAY, G.T. ALEXANDER, TONY MOORE, KEITH FANT and MICHAEL COWHERD, who is a friend of CEDRIC WILSON.

COWHERD expressed a desire to join the party and took a security form which he partially filled out and will return at a later date. COWHERD is described as a Negro male, 5'11", 165 pounds, approximately twenty-two, dark complexion, medium hair, medium build, wears prescription, wire frame sunglasses and has some gold crowns on his front teeth.

At the meeting it was reiterated that party members should contact old party members, inactive party members and community workers, both old and new, in order to get a definite commitment from these individuals as to their willingness to work for the party.

It was also decided that RICK OLIVER should contact LOIS MORRIS who is running for Alderman in Louisville and learn from her why she has been "bad mouthing" the party lately. OLIVER was instructed to "straighten her out."

The KBPP is scheduled to meet with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) on Tuesday, March 27, 1973, at the BWC Office at 5:00 PM. The meeting was arranged by MIKE CLARKSON in order that the BWC and KBPP can iron out their difficulties.

Also at the meeting, the fact was brought up that recently the city of Jackson, Mississippi, denied a

parade permit to the Republic of New Africa which means that a parade cannot be held at the IAPWSDC Rally. According to MIKE CLARKSON, BEN SIMMONS made a telephone call to CHOKWE LUMUMBA regarding the situation, and LUMUMBA insured BEN SIMMONS that despite the fact that no parade permit was issued, the rally will take place.

MIKE CLARKSON held the political education part of the meeting inasmuch as he is Minister of Information.

CLARKSON spoke in a very violent fashion stating that it is the party's responsibility to rip off banks and to free political prisoners by any means at hand. CLARKSON stated that he wants everyone in the party to have a "TE" (weapon) within thirty days. CLARKSON got a very good reception by other party members.

CLARKSON also stated that it is his desire that the party begin to make more moves on pushers and pimps within the black community because it is the party's duty to clean up the black community first before going on to higher levels. It is CLARKSON's idea that they should make a move on the pusher and then tie him to the back of a car and drag him down Broadway to show other pushers and pimps what will happen to them if they do not move out of the black community.

CLARKSON's suggestions with respect to the moves on pushers and pimps were again well received.

All of the party's security forms were turned over to RICK OLIVER inasmuch as he has been named as Minister of Defense. In the future, all security forms will be given to OLIVER and supposedly no one else will be able to view them.

TONY MOORE recently turned in his security form. On the form, MOORE listed the following information:

Name	ROBERT TYRONE MOORE
Residence	616 East Walnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky
Telephone	584-5509
Height	5'10"
Weight	230 pounds
Date of Birth	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 1.2em; display: inline-block;"></div>

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Complexion	Dark
Hair	Medium
Father	EMRI MOORE
Mother	EMMA MOORE, 616 East Walnut.

MOORE stated that he has never been arrested.

Recently a new Communist newspaper has been put out. This newspaper was not printed at SCEF, however, it is not known where the paper was printed. The paper is eight pages long and the pages are stapled together. The name of the paper is "The Louisville Red Banner", and defines itself as "The political paper of the Association of Communist Workers." The newspaper is dated March, 1973, and is listed as Volume I, Number 1.

There is no masthead in the newspaper listing who put the newspaper out, however, there are a list of sponsors and they are as follows:

- The Communist Party of Canada
- The Communist Party of Quebec
- The American Communist Workers Movement
- The Association of Communist Workers in
Louisville, Kentucky
- The Red Collective, New Orleans, Louisiana
- The Red Star, Tampa, Florida
- The Jackson Organization, Chicago, Illinois
- The Communist League.

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With respect to the article on the Black Liberation Army (BLA) which appeared in the first issue of "Voice of the People", MIKE CLARKSON was responsible for putting this article together. This article represents a composite inasmuch as CLARKSON read various articles and included pieces from each article into the definition of the BLA.

With respect to MIKE CLARKSON, it is source's opinion that CLARKSON is a very dangerous individual. Source considers CLARKSON to be a true extremist and capable of committing acts of violence.

Recently, G.T. ALEXANDER stated that he knows of two Negro females, both of whom attend Jefferson Community College (JCC), who are interested in joining the party. One of the individual's first name is PAM, the other student's name is not known. According to ALEXANDER, he plans to take these two interested girls to the party office sometime in the near future.

It has been decided that the party will hold three meetings per week, all of which will be held at the party office at 6:00 PM. On Sundays the party will hold a meeting which will be called a community meeting. On Mondays the party will hold its central committee meeting (for party members only) and on Thursdays, the party will hold a community workers organizers meeting (open to the public).

Prior to leaving Louisville and returning to Rochester, New York, UMOJA made several statements which indicated that he shaved his head because he has become interested in becoming a Muslim and intimated that when he returns to Rochester he will seek out some Muslims and perhaps become active within the Muslim organization.

Three of the individuals who will be contacted with respect to the party's policy of contacting ex-community workers are ANTONIO WICKLIFFE, JAMES WOOD and GEORGE SCOTT. None of these individuals were ever really associated with the party although all three filled out security forms and for this reason they will be recontacted. The party members anticipate that it will not be possible to recontact GEORGE SCOTT inasmuch as he gave his address as 3212 West Broadway, which is the house next to SCEF. Party members know that this is a false address given by SCOTT and since no one in the party knows him or has seen him since he last had contact with the party, it will probably not be possible to contact him.

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March 23, 1973

On Monday, March 19, 1973, WOODROW ROBERTS and HAYCRAFT were at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. They were discussing the writing of an article which supposedly will appear in a newspaper regarding the violation of the Constitutional rights of black people with regard to their being denied their right to vote. An unknown individual who was observed to be driving a blue-gray Cadillac, which is believed to be owned by LEO LESSER, arrived at the office and joined in this discussion.

At approximately 1:30 PM, VANITA TINKER, GLORIA SHARKS (previously referred to as GLORIA (Last Name Unknown), RON SLAUGHTER, LEONARD ROBERTS, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and WOODROW ROBERTS arrived at the office, stayed a brief time and then all left together in a light blue station wagon. It is not known where they went, however, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS took a tape recorder with him.

About an hour after this group left the office, JIMMY COX and MOSE RAPIER came by and manned the office.

On Monday evening, DOROTHY ROBERTS held her anti-drug program at which a few neighborhood children were present.

On Tuesday, March 20, 1973, RON SLAUGHTER arrived at the office at approximately 10:30 AM. He was joined a couple of hours later by JIMMY COX. COX and SLAUGHTER were the only BWC members at the office on Tuesday. There was no activity at the office on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday, March 21, 1973, RON SLAUGHTER arrived at the office around noon. Shortly thereafter, VANITA TINKER and her husband stopped by the office and picked up some newspapers. They then left the office with the newspapers, presumably to sell them.

BOB CUMMINGS and MOSE RAPIER arrived at the office at approximately 1:00 PM. They agreed that the office is in dire need of repair and they agreed that beginning next week they will implement a program whereby the office space will be fixed up.

The office space needs a paint job and has become very dirty because no one in the coalition has been

designated as being responsible for keeping the office clean. At the present time, the office is experiencing some problems with its electricity and there are no lights in the office space.

On Thursday, March 22, 1973, WOODROW ROBERTS, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, LEONARD ROBERTS, VANITA TINKER, GLORIA SHARKS and J. CHANDLER met with two white men who were representatives from a company (possibly Reynolds Company). As previously reported, there has been a grievance filed against the Reynolds Company by some Reynolds employees. As a result of this, on Thursday, the two white representatives met with the BWC and the two white representatives agreed that the Reynolds Company will hire more blacks.

After this meeting, several individuals who are employed at International Harvester arrived at the BWC Office and complained that there are not enough blacks employed by International Harvester. They also complained that the few blacks that are employed at International Harvester are all made to work together, separate from the white employees.

On Thursday evening, JIMMY COX, MOSE RAPIER, RON SLAUGHTER, VANITA TINKER and her husband, ROOSEVELT and DOROTHY ROBERTS, J. CHANDLER, GLORIA SHARKS, and BOB CUMMINGS went to Memorial Auditorium where they listened to the Reverend JESSE JACKSON speak. There were no incidents at this affair.

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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE BLACK WORKERS COALITION

PREAMBLE

We believe that grass root organized people with grass root leadership possess the ability to bring about complete liberation for all Blacks and other minorities in this country.

We believe that that before any serious approach to a intergrated society can be made by America, the country must first give the Black wretched people and other oppressed minorities a chance to relate to himself and the wretched conditions created by this American racist white society.

We believe that before a man can assume the responsibility of decision making in industry or government, he must first experience decision making at home and in his community.

We believe that the people who are most qualified to bring about relief to the conditions of bad housing, unemployment, hunger, and a educational system that fell to meet the needs of the masses must be grass root people who are the daily victims of these conditions.

We believe that relief to all oppressive community conditions will come when the community unite for the purpose of becoming self-supporting, self-controlled and begin to make decisions that will determine the destiny of the people and the community.

We believe that management of industry, labor union leaders, state agencies and local agencies who claim to implement affirmative action programs for blocks and minorities are incapable of bringing justice, because they are completely controlled by whites who are the initial oppressors of Blacks and minorities.

We believe that relief will come only when Blacks and minorities design programs that relate to the community conditions of their people, and unite the people to implement the programs.

Since we truly believe that the destiny of Black people is in the hands of Black people we feel it is our duty to make a organized contribution to our liberation struggle.

OBJECTIVES

To unite in one a total community effort regardless of economic, political or social standards all meaningful people for the purpose of a self-supporting and self-controlled community.

To educate the community in the history of Black people, and to develop and maintain an intelligent and dignified membership; who is committed to the betterment of their community.

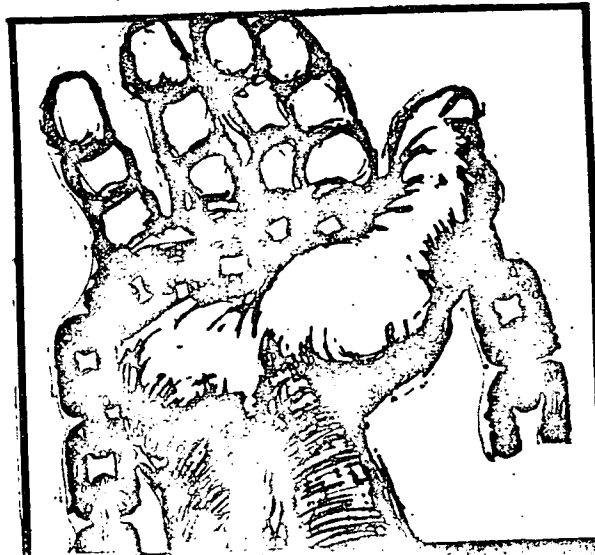
To engage in educational, civic, welfare and other activities which further, directly or indirectly, the joint interests of the membership of this organization in the improvement of the general economic and social conditions in our community.

GOALS

The said organization will work toward becoming a commutate corporation, dedicated to the development of economic and social freedom for all people of our community.

To increase opportunities through oneness of the community, for this oneness is to achieve better jobs, housing opportunities, education, and culture advancement.

To achieve the true opportunity for black and other minorities to make their rightful place in the main streams of advancement in the American society, where we all can enjoy true freedom. The organization will be a true demonstration of democracy that is power of and to the people.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : [FOIA(b) (7) - (D)]

DATE: 3/28/73

FROM : St J. J. Hittchier

SUBJECT: [FOIA(b) (7) - (D)]

Continued #114, 3/9 and 3/28/73
Source unable to furnish any
new info re Black Workers Coalition at
BPP on 2/14 and 3/9/73
Source advised he has not been in Mr
D's for about 2 months

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Source said he will be alert for
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Copies of this report are being furnished Chicago and Detroit in view of information contained herein concerning VERLINA BREWER. Chicago and Detroit are requested to search indices re BREWER and furnish any information regarding BREWER to Louisville. Chicago has previously been furnished with information regarding BREWER and this same lead was set out at that time. The lead is being reset, however, inasmuch as this report contains additional information regarding BREWER, including her date of birth.

Copies of this report are being furnished Cincinnati in view of their investigative interest with regard to JAMES HARDY.

Copies of this report are being furnished Jackson in view of their investigative interest with respect to the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee.

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COVER PAGE

Louisville, Kentucky
March 20, 1973

On Friday, March 16, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES, and MIKE CLARKSON were at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) from 6:00 PM until midnight working on the party's newspaper, "Voice of the People." They had to rephotograph all of the pages because the original photographs which they had taken came out blurred.

There was supposed to have been a meeting of the party at 6:00 PM at the party's office, however, nobody showed up.

VERLINA BREWER travelled to Ann Arbor, Michigan, over the weekend. It has been determined that her full name is VERLINA DONNETTA ESTELLA BREWER, date of birth, [REDACTED] BREWER's parents, Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM BREWER, reside at 2130 Yorktown Drive in the Oak Hills Subdivision on the outskirts of Ann Arbor, Michigan. WILLIAM BREWER is employed as a sociologist at the University of Michigan.

According to VERLINA BREWER, she ran away from home when she was a teenager and became involved with the Black Panther Party - Newton Faction in both Chicago and Detroit. BREWER claims that she was involved in the FRED HAMPTON shoot-out and as a result of that shoot-out, received a leg wound.

BREWER has a son who is two and one-half years old named CHE.

BREWER has indicated that she is not interested in joining the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) due to her "bad" experience when she was in Chicago and was involved in the FRED HAMPTON shoot-out.

On Monday, March 19, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON were again at SCEF at 10:00 in the morning working on the party's newspaper. They worked on the newspaper until approximately 4:00 PM, getting most of it ready for printing. They hope that the newspaper will

be out on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

At approximately 5:00 PM the party held a meeting at its office. Present at the meeting were BEN SIMMONS, JOHN STARKS, PAT GRESHAM, MIKE CLARKSON, G.T. ALEXANDER, BRUCE CONWAY and HERB JONES.

JUDI SIMMONS was at the meeting for a brief time and related to party members that she wishes to rejoin the party. On a previous occasion JUDI SIMMONS had submitted her formal resignation in writing and as a result of this resignation, she must be voted on by KBPP members before she can re-enter the party. In addition to a vote being taken by KBPP members, New York must also decide whether or not JUDI SIMMONS will be allowed back into the party.

At the meeting JOHN STARKS was placed on trial for his having been in possession of some reefers a few weeks ago. He was found guilty and was sentenced to one month's suspension and reduced to a community worker. In addition, STARKS must attend all political education classes that the party holds.

At the meeting BEN SIMMONS talked about the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) Rally. According to SIMMONS, he has received a letter from the Republic of New Africa (RNA) in New York regarding the rally with regard to the agenda of the rally and who is scheduled to speak. SIMMONS stated that he will run off some copies of this letter for use by other party members so they will know what the rally is all about.

BEN SIMMONS, BRUCE CONWAY and MIKE CLARKSON will probably attend this rally. G.T. ALEXANDER is thinking about attending also. EDDIE HARRIS had expressed a desire to attend the rally, however, he has not been active for over a week within the party and is apparently drifting away from the party.

BEN SIMMONS has indicated that he is hopeful that JIM HARDY and some of his followers from Cincinnati will attend the rally along with KBPP members. SIMMONS hopes to use HARDY and any of his followers as security guards. SIMMONS stated that in the event they accompany KBPP members to the rally, some of them will be used as undercover security guards (meaning they will blend in with the crowd) and some will be used as guards on the stage. According to SIMMONS,

HARDY is definitely going to go to the rally and will travel to Louisville in order to leave for the rally with SIMMONS.

A woman from television station WLKY in Louisville recently contacted MIKE CLARKSON and asked that someone from the party tape a five minute spot with regard to explaining the various party programs in Louisville. It was decided at the meeting that this should be done, however, it was not decided which party member will do it.

HERB JONES resigned as coordinator of the breakfast program as a result of a disagreement with G.T. ALEXANDER. Recently ALEXANDER had given HERB JONES a vacation from his duties as coordinator of the free breakfast program and was scheduled to take JONES' place while JONES was on vacation. However, ALEXANDER did not do his job very well in JONES' absence and on several occasions no breakfast was served.

As a result of JONES' resigning, MIKE CLARKSON will probably take over as coordinator of the free breakfast program.

HERB JONES also criticized BEN SIMMONS for leaking the information that JONES is scheduled to go to New York to help the New York Chapter with its propaganda. According to JONES this was secret information and should not have been divulged by SIMMONS.

LEON LAWLESS arrived at the office while the party meeting was in progress, however, BEN SIMMONS would not allow him to come in because he is not officially back in the party. LAWLESS was not upset but stated that he would return later.

TONY MOORE and "MOOSE" also arrived while the meeting was in progress, and they were told to wait outside until the meeting was over.

When the meeting was over at approximately 7:00 PM, they were allowed in the office and were given a political education class by G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS. "MOOSE" does not seem to be very much interested in party philosophy but seems to be more interested in getting to know some of the female members of the KBPP.

After the meeting, BRUCE CONWAY and HERB JONES went to SCEF to work on the paper while BEN SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON, TOMMY SMITH and one of TOMMY SMITH's friends travelled to Cincinnati so that CLARKSON and BEN SIMMONS could meet with JAMES HARDY in order to discuss the

arrangements for the IAPWSDC Rally. They went in TOMMY SMITH's car. SIMMONS and CLARKSON were not expected to return to Louisville until sometime on Tuesday night.

There was nobody at the office on Tuesday, March 20, 1973. Party members are disregarding the party rule that everyone is supposed to sign in at the office every day and as a result, there is no way to check in order to determine who has complied with the rule and who has not complied with the rule.

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS have become deeply involved in their work with "Stop Dope Now." They are at work every day from 9:00 to 5:00. Three days out of the week they do office work at "Stop Dope Now's" office at Park DuValle and two other days they are on the streets trying to recruit drug addicts into the "Stop Dope Now" program.

JOHN STARKS is still living with MARY HOWERTON at HOWERTON's apartment. STARKS claims that he is indoctrinating HOWERTON with respect to the party philosophy and when HOWERTON is ready, he will then get her involved in various party activities.

BEN SIMMONS has stated that the party is not ready at this time to open up any new offices in Kentucky. SIMMONS was referring to the fact that it is his belief that despite the fact that there are interested parties in Elizabethtown and Lexington, with respect to opening up party offices in those cities, SIMMONS feels that since things are not going too well in Louisville they would go worse in other cities.

SIMMONS complained that it is his opinion that party members do not show any respect for the leadership of the KBPP, especially with respect to SIMMONS. SIMMONS stated that until party members can learn to respect the collective leadership and him and until they come up to a proper political level, no new offices will be opened in Kentucky.

At the present time it is rather difficult to respect BEN SIMMONS inasmuch as he is not doing any work for the party.



At the present time there is much dissension within the party, and just about every party member has some charge outstanding against him. They range from drinking too much, smoking reefers, vamping on some sisters in the black community, not doing enough party work, to not dressing properly.

WALTER BOAGS has not been around lately. To date he has not been very successful in his attempts to establish a Young Workers Liberation League chapter in Louisville.

Recently, G.T. ALEXANDER referred to a .30 caliber M-1 carbine which he recently obtained. ALEXANDER did not say whether this was a new weapon or a used one.

SCEF is continuing with its plans to publish a newspaper for the RNA with respect to the RNA's rally in Jackson on March 31, 1973. The newspaper will be called "African Solidarity". SCEF has decided that it will use its own facilities to print the newspaper. It had earlier been reported that SCEF was going to print the newspaper on large paper which meant that it would have to use a commercial printer to do the job. SCEF has decided that it will use smaller paper and use its own facilities.

Since SCEF has decided to use smaller paper, MIKE CLARKSON is currently retyping the paper so that SCEF's presses may be used.

About one-half of the paper will come from material that CHOKWE LUMUMBA laid out while he was in Louisville a few weeks ago. The other half will pertain to some local matters in Louisville and this will be composed mostly by JUDI SIMMONS and JAN PHILLIPS.

The KBPP has no plans for any of its members to attend the murder trial to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on March 26, 1973.

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS have stated that they will not participate in any more demonstrations with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). Last week ALEXANDER and STARKS were involved in a takeover of the Community Action Commission (CAC) Office along with members of the BWC. ALEXANDER and STARKS now feel that they were used on that occasion because they took all the risks in leading the takeover of the office and yet the BWC got all the publicity.

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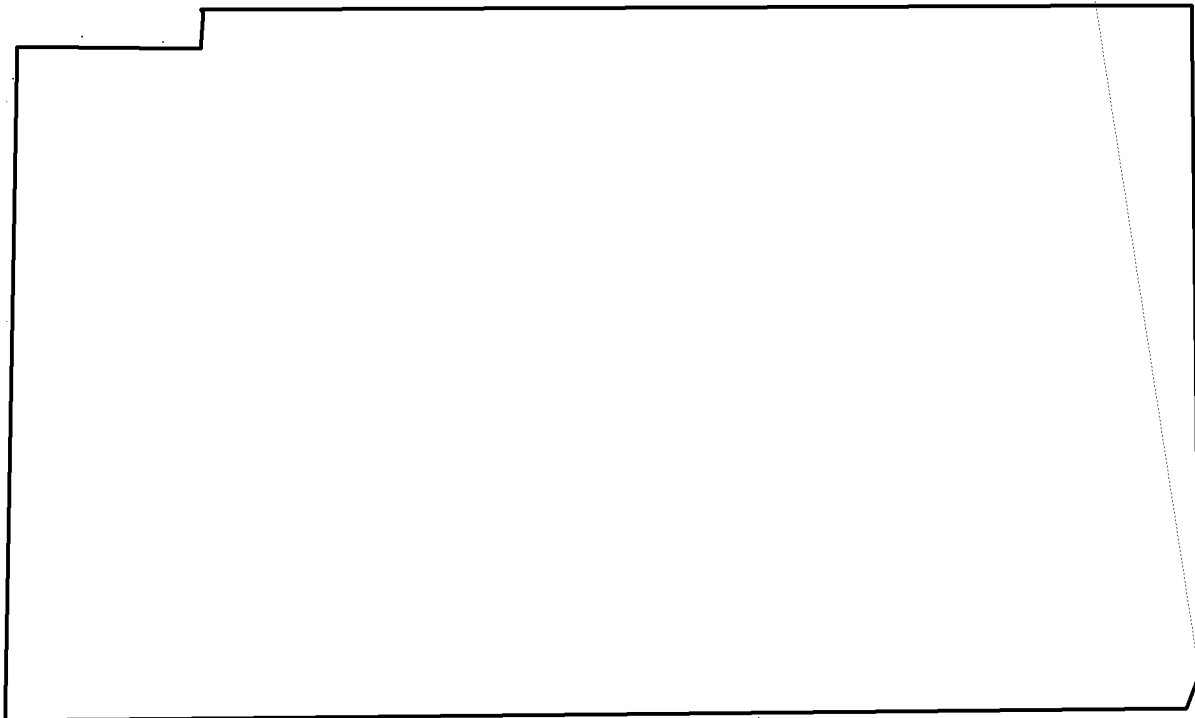
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Louisville, Kentucky
March 6, 1973

FERMON KNOX, the Executive Director of the Louisville - Jefferson County Community Action Commission (CAC), is currently considerably concerned regarding the interjection of various groups into a dispute currently existing regarding the firing by FERMON KNOX on March 5, 1973, of JOHN JOHNSON as Director of the Park Duvalle Neighborhood Service Center in the West End of Louisville, Kentucky. KNOX feels that the interjection of various groups into this dispute indicates the possibility of some particular individual "calling the shots" with respect to the protest activity for some reason "bigger" than merely hoping to cause KNOX embarrassment and possible loss of his employment.

The dismissal of JOHNSON came about in the following manner:



On February 28, 1973, KNOX set up an appointment with JOHNSON in KNOX's office on March 2, 1973, for JOHNSON to discuss the matter. JOHNSON failed to keep the appointment. Thereafter later on March 2, 1973, KNOX prepared a letter to JOHNSON terminating JOHNSON's services. KNOX gave the letter

to TUTT on Friday, March 2, 1973, for TUTT to deliver personally to JOHNSON on March 5, 1973.

On March 5, 1973, KNOX, together with RICHARD BELILES, the Federal Project Coordinator of Louisville and Jefferson County, had to go to Washington, D.C., in connection with their official duties. KNOX did not return to Louisville until late on the night of March 7, 1973.

After JOHNSON had received his letter of dismissal from TUTT on March 5, 1973, JOHNSON was successful in calling a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Park Duvalle Neighborhood Service Center for the night of March 5, 1973, to discuss his dismissal. Approximately seven to eight Board members attended including DELORSE DELAHANTY, Reverend LEO LESSER and a JAMES DIXON, also known as "Husk." DELAHANTY is the wife of the Attorney, BOB DELAHANTY, and does not live in the Park Duvalle area and may not even qualify to be a board member. In addition, the press was invited to the Board meeting, and JOHNSON was successful in having the Park Duvalle Board members sympathize with JOHNSON and resulting in the newspaper story about the matter on March 6, 1973, creating considerable sympathy for JOHNSON.

After KNOX returned from Washington, D.C., KNOX received notice that the Park Duvalle Board members would meet on Thursday night, March 8, 1973, to discuss the JOHNSON dismissal and the Board members desired KNOX to be present. KNOX intended to attend the meeting, however, on March 8, 1973, KNOX received information from some of his staff that a number of outsiders including BOB DELAHANTY, unidentified members of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), and the Louisville Tenants Union (LTU), and the Louisville Welfare Rights Organization (LWRO), as well as members of the press would be at the Board meeting. Accordingly, KNOX felt that he could accomplish nothing but get into an open dispute during the Board meeting with supporters of JOHNSON resulting in additional press discussion of the matter. KNOX therefore decided not to attend the meeting.

On Friday evening, March 9, 1973, supporters of JOHNSON peacefully picketed the Park Duvalle Neighborhood Service Center as a show of support, demanding the reinstatement of JOHNSON.

On Monday morning, March 12, 1973, as KNOX was preparing to leave his home to go to work at his office, 1348 South Third, Louisville, Kentucky, KNOX received a telephone call from BILL SUMMERS, Assistant to Mayor FRANK BURKE

of Louisville, Kentucky. SUMMERS told KNOX that the Mayor had just received information that there was a group of individuals then on their way to KNOX's office for the purpose of demanding from KNOX he reinstate JOHNSON. SUMMERS stated that Mayor BURKE was upset about the activity and had instructed that KNOX not go to his office to confront these people at any time. Instead SUMMERS stated the Mayor desired that KNOX through his staff members obtain names of individuals in the group who came into KNOX's office and furnish such names to Attorney FRANK LOGAN of the City of Louisville Law Office so that LOGAN could get a restraining order against these people.

The above group of about 15 people did arrive at KNOX's office on Monday morning and staff members told KNOX the group included representatives of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), BWC, LTU, and the LWRO. The group refused to leave KNOX's office and in fact when KNOX did not appear, the group took over the offices demanding the employees leave. After remaining in the office for approximately two to three hours the group then moved across the street to other CAC offices demanding those employees leave and occupying those offices for about one hour or so. At about 2:00 PM the group ceased its activity and departed. In the mean time KNOX had been successful in obtaining the names of four individuals in the group and with this information Attorney LOGAN was successful in having Judge MARVIN STEINBERG issue a restraining order against them. The restraining order arrived at KNOX's office at about 3:00 PM and was promptly posted on the entrances of this office as well as the offices across the street.

KNOX has written JOHNSON a letter outlining to him the proper procedures he should utilize if he desires to appeal his dismissal. JOHNSON has apparently decided to utilize the appeal procedures as he requested an appearance with SYLVESTER TUTT to discuss the merits of the dismissal. TUTT met with JOHNSON on March 14, 1973. JOHNSON had with him as his representative a GEORGE MORRISON who had until recently been coordinator of Man Power for CAC. After discussion of the matter TUTT reaffirmed his recommendation that JOHNSON be fired. Thereafter JOHNSON has requested a hearing before FERMON KNOX to appeal TUTT's recommendation. In this connection JOHNSON has written a letter to Dr. JOSEPH RILEY, Minister, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of CAC, requesting that JOHNSON's hearing before KNOX be an open hearing and CAC Board members be present. KNOX does not intend to have an open hearing with JOHNSON but will meet with JOHNSON in private and

will probably notify JOHNSON on March 19, 1973, of the date he will afford him a hearing.

KNOX wonders whether or not the protest activity in this instance might be being directed by the organization Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF). KNOX has no information that such may be the case, but has heard that some of the persons supporting JOHNSON have been seen at SCEF Headquarters.

KNOX also wonders whether or not RALPH WILSON, who is a member of CAC Board, having been elected from the Russell Area Poverty Council and who formerly was a counselor at Russell High School, might be "calling the shots" regarding instant protest.

KNOX is just "suspicious" of WILSON and feels WILSON would like to have KNOX's job. For the same reason KNOX thinks it is possible that GEORGE MORRISON may be the individual directing these activities from behind the scenes.

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There was no activity on Saturday, March 17, 1973, at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office because it was a very cold day and the office is not heated because the BWC has not paid its oil bill.

On Sunday, March 18, 1973, despite the cold weather, the BWC held its regularly scheduled meeting.

People began to drift in at approximately 1:00 PM, and the meeting got started shortly thereafter, ending at approximately 4:30 PM. About fifty people attended the meeting.

BWC members who were at the meeting included the following:

VANITA TINKER
J. CHANDLER
ROOSEVELT ROBERTS
MOSE RAPIER
RON SLAUGHTER
JIMMY COX
LEONARD ROBERTS
WOODROW ROBERTS.

ROBBIE CHILDS was also at this meeting, along with two individuals employed at Park DuValle whose names were Mrs. BROWN and Mrs. MARTIN.

Mrs. BROWN and Mrs. MARTIN spoke against the Community Action Commission (CAC), claiming that the CAC has not been doing its job and that Park DuValle has been doing CAC's job for the CAC. Both supported the rehiring of JOHN JOHNSON and stated that a petition is being circulated in the Park DuValle Area in favor of JOHN JOHNSON.

There was no mention made at the meeting regarding any plans for any future demonstrations such as occurred at Park DuValle and at the CAC Office last week.

Also attending the meeting were LEO LESSER and Reverend MILLER. Reverend MILLER spoke briefly to the effect that in the event the BWC wishes to support JOHN JOHNSON, they

should do so by talking to officials in high places because this is the way, in his opinion, that action will be taken on the matter. Reverend MILLER claimed that he had much experience with regard to such matters and he strongly urged supporters of JOHNSON to "go directly to the top" to seek action.

An unknown Negro female in her early to mid-twenties, spoke at the BWC meeting. This is the second BWC meeting which this girl has attended. Her name is not known, however, it is known that she refers to herself by using an African name. (SIRI HY GANDHI). This girl urged that the BWC not trust the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), that the KBPP is not united and the KBPP is not to be trusted because in the event there is any real trouble from any authorities with regard to the action taken at the CAC Office last week or any similar type action taken in the future, the KBPP would turn chicken and run.

This individual urged the BWC to rely more on the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) than the KBPP because SCEF is more dependable.

According to this individual, she had a chance to take over the KBPP last summer when someone came from New York and asked her to do so because the KBPP was so disorganized at that time. She refused the offer, however, because she does not think that people are at a proper political level to accept the political philosophy of the Black Panther Party (BPP).

An individual known only as CARL (Last Name Unknown) has filed a grievance against his employer, the Reynolds Company. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, and MOSE RAPIER, the BWC is scheduled to meet with officials of that company in order to discuss CARL (Last Name Unknown)'s grievances against the company.

Also according to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER, last week they met with an individual from Texas who was a representative of the Marilyn Shoe Shop. According to ROBERTS and RAPIER there has been at least one grievance filed against the Marilyn Shoe Shop and a representative from Texas flew to Louisville specifically to meet with the BWC with regard to the grievance.

The BWC's newspaper, "The Black Community's Voice", /
was completed last Friday by RON SLAUGHTER and is being
distributed by the BWC.

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On Saturday, March 10, 1973, there was a meeting at LEO LESSER's church, at which several black political candidates who are running for local offices in Louisville, Kentucky, spoke. There were several Black Workers Coalition (BWC) members at this meeting, and between ten and fifteen members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) were also at the meeting. The KBPP members asked many questions of the candidates. The KBPP members were especially interested in questioning ERNEST JOHNSON, who is a candidate for Sheriff.

On Monday, March 12, 1973, the BWC held a demonstration at Park DuValle in support of JOHN JOHNSON. BWC members who were at this demonstration included ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, RON SLAUGHTER, J. CHANDLER, LEONARD ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS, MOSE RAPIER and BOB CUMMINGS.

In addition to BWC members there were also three members of the KBPP who participated in the demonstration.

ROBBIE CHILDS was also at the demonstration and participated in it.

After demonstrating at the Park DuValle Office, the group went to the Community Action Commission Office where they demanded to see SYLVESTER TUTT or FERNON KNOX. When they were unable to see either TUTT or KNOX, the group, at the instigation of the three Panthers, took over the Community Action Commission (CAC) Office. This frightened many of the employees at the CAC Office and most of the employees left.

The group stayed at the CAC Office until approximately 3:00 PM waiting to see either TUTT or KNOX. When neither showed up the group left the office.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, as a result of the takeover of the CAC Office, some type of order has been issued whereby anyone from the BWC returning to the CAC Office will be arrested. ROBERTS explained that this order is very similar to the issuance of a peace bond.

On Tuesday, during the late morning hours, about five or six members of the KBPP arrived at the BWC Office. From the BWC Office, they, along with WOODROW ROBERTS, LEONARD ROBERTS, RON SLAUGHTER, and two other individuals associated with the BWC, went to the County Clerk's Office where they demanded one thousand voter registration forms. The County Clerk would not give the group any voter registration forms but suggested that they go to Convention Center and voice their demands there.

The group then went to Convention Center where they received six voter registration forms per person from both the city and county registration offices.

In addition to these voter registration forms, a couple of the Panthers stole a couple of hundred voter registration forms as they left Convention Center. The Panthers, however, would not give any of the forms to the BWC because they said that the BWC did not take any risk while the Panthers did take a risk when they stole the forms.

For the past couple of Sundays at the BWC's regular Sunday meetings, there have been two or three members of the KBPP present. These individuals do not participate in the meetings; they merely sit and listen.

Despite the recent contacts that the BWC has had with the KBPP, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER are still agreed that the BWC should keep its contacts with the KBPP at a minimum. Neither ROBERTS nor RAPIER agrees with the KBPP philosophy and do not like any of the KBPP members.

The main goal that the BWC has set for itself is to register as many black voters as possible for this year's local elections.

The BWC newspaper, "The Black Community's Voice," should be out sometime by the end of this week.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

New York is being furnished copies of this report due to their investigative interest in BERNICE JONES.

Jackson is being furnished copies of this FD-306 in view of their investigative interest in the International African Prisoner of War Solidarity Day Committee Rally.

Cincinnati is being furnished copies of this FD-306 in view of their investigative interest with respect to JAMES HARDY.

With regard to the copies being furnished Chicago, reference is made to an FD-306 reflecting a report of [redacted] on 3/2/73, a copy of which was furnished to Chicago. This report contained information regarding a VIVIAN BREWER. As noted in the body of this report, source has determined that BREWER's name is VERLINA BREWER, not VIVIAN BREWER. Chicago is requested to furnish any information to Louisville regarding VERLINA BREWER inasmuch as BREWER claims to have been involved in the FRED HAMPTON shoot-out.

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On March 15, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of BEN SIMMONS.

In turn Detective KIRKWOOD advised that it was discovered by the Louisville Police Department that LAURICE HARWELL, a former member of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP), is now employed at the Louisville Police Department as a clerk in the Warrants Section.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 15, 1973

On Monday, March 12, 1973, at about 10:00 AM, G.T. ALEXANDER, JOHN STARKS and RICK OLIVER joined individuals associated with the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and other individuals who reside in the Park DuValle Projects at the Park DuValle Administrative Office, where they picketed in favor of rehiring JOHN JOHNSON.

About fifteen individuals participated in the picketing. The activity had been organized by WOODROW ROBERTS of the BWC. In addition to ROBERTS, there were three or four Negro females from the BWC who joined in the picketing.

At approximately 1:00 PM, this group then travelled to the Community Action Commission Headquarters (CAC). The group then demanded to see either SYLVESTER TUTT or FERMAN KNOX. Neither TUTT nor KNOX was at the CAC Office however, and after waiting until approximately 3:30 PM, the group led by ALEXANDER, STARKS and OLIVER occupied KNOX's office and locked all the doors to the CAC. When this was done the employees at CAC left the office. After waiting until approximately 4:00 PM for either TUTT or KNOX to appear at the CAC Office, the group then left without seeing either TUTT or KNOX.

At approximately 6:00 PM, the following individuals were at the party's office cleaning up the office:

G.T. ALEXANDER
RICK OLIVER
JOHN STARKS
BRUCE CONWAY
HERB JONES
CAROLLE MORRIS.

"MOOSE" dropped by the office and helped clean up. "MOOSE" is described as a Negro male, 5'10", 210 pounds, large frame, short hair, medium complexion, twenty to twenty-one, wears prescription sunglasses. "MOOSE" forgot to return the security form which he had taken from the party office the other day but indicated that he would return it.

"MOOSE" is definitely interested in becoming a member of the party, although he does not appear to be a militant.

The Party members worked at the office until approximately 9:00 PM. As a result of their efforts, the front room has been painted all black and the middle room blue. The other rooms at the office are hung with wallpaper and there was no necessity to paint these rooms. At the present time, only the front and the middle room at the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) Office are in use, inasmuch as the party has no furniture with which to fill up the other rooms.

On Tuesday, March 13, 1973, G.T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON held a press conference at the office at approximately 10:00 AM. They announced that they were going to establish a "political prisoners committee", which committee would be separate from the Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC). According to ALEXANDER and CLARKSON, the reason they were establishing the "political prisoners committee" is to deal with the problems which prisoners encounter inside of prisons. CLARKSON and ALEXANDER got the idea for starting this committee, which would deal with this particular problem as a result of a recent conversation with DARRYL BLAKEMORE at Eddyville State Penitentiary.

The meeting at the BWC Office, which was scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM, never got started until approximately 11:30 AM. The following party members were at the BWC Office:

G.T. ALEXANDER
MIKE CLARKSON
RICK OLIVER
JOHN STARKS
HERB JONES
BRUCE CONWAY.

WOODROW ROBERTS, MOSE RAPIER and three or four other individuals associated with the BWC were also at the BWC Office.

Sometime before noon, the entire group (with the exception of MOSE RAPIER) travelled to the County Clerk's Office and demanded one thousand voter registration forms. They were refused these forms, but were told that they might be able to get voter registration forms at Convention Center. The group then went to Convention Center where each member of the group got six voter registration forms at the City Office and six each at the County Office.

In addition to these forms, MIKE CLARKSON and RICK OLIVER stole approximately three hundred more voter registration forms. The party has decided that it will keep these three hundred extra forms for themselves rather than giving them to the BWC. The party plans to go door-to-door in the East End in an attempt to get blacks to register to vote.

The BWC is acutely interested in getting blacks registered to vote. The BWC has a scheduled meeting with the Urban League and with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at the Urban League Office on Thursday, March 15, 1973, at 2:00 PM.

Afterwards, the BWC plans to hold a meeting of its own at 6:00 PM at its own office regarding its strategy with regard to accomplishing black voter registration.

After completing their activities at the Convention Center, party members returned to the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) at about 2:00 PM. BEN SIMMONS and UMOJA were at SCEF. Earlier that day, UMOJA had shaved his head.

At about 3:00 PM while SIMMONS and UMOJA were standing in front of SCEF, two detectives confronted them and advised BEN SIMMONS that they had a warrant for his arrest. SIMMONS was carrying a handbag and the detectives demanded to be allowed to look into the bag. SIMMONS refused to allow them to do so inasmuch as SIMMONS had his nine millimeter automatic in the bag. UMOJA, at the time of this confrontation, was packing a .38 revolver.

Party members inside SCEF became aware of the confrontation outside and went outside and took the bag from SIMMONS and ran back into SCEF.

A verbal confrontation took place between party members and the two detectives, and the two detectives decided to leave. They did not return. After the detectives left, BEN SIMMONS and UMOJA went inside SCEF and both gave their weapons to JUDI SIMMONS to hold in case the police came back and arrested them. SIMMONS was very frightened by the confrontation with the police, especially since he was packing a gun, and even more so because UMOJA had been packing one and SIMMONS was afraid that UMOJA, who is very excitable, would use his gun on the police.

At approximately 5:00 PM, BEN and JUDI SIMMONS, along with UMOJA, left SCEF and went to Cinema West for a brief time and then left.

Later that evening, BEN SIMMONS was arrested while he was at the Ohio Theater, where he and G.T. ALEXANDER, RICK OLIVER and JOHN STARKS had taken some children to view the movie, "MALCOLM X."

SIMMONS was taken to the Louisville Police Department, where he was made to participate in a line-up. No one could identify SIMMONS as a result of the line-up, and he was released by the police.

JUDI SIMMONS, upon learning that BEN had been arrested, went to the Police Department, where she was arrested on an old warrant sworn out by LAURICE HARWELL.

RICK OLIVER accompanied BEN SIMMONS to the Police Department when he was arrested. According to RICK OLIVER, he gave the police a hard time at the police station. The police attempted to take OLIVER's photograph, but according to OLIVER, he ran from the photographer, and they did not get his photograph.

Early on Tuesday, before BEN SIMMONS' confrontation with the police, SIMMONS had talked to BERNICE JONES on the telephone. According to SIMMONS, BERNICE JONES indicated that she was angry with the Louisville Chapter because they had not sent any written reports to New York regarding their activities.

In addition, according to SIMMONS, BERNICE JONES still wants HERB JONES to travel to New York to help the New York Chapter with its propaganda.

BERNICE JONES told SIMMONS that in addition to helping with the security measures for the International African Prisoners of War Solidarity Day Committee Rally (IAPWSDC) to be held in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 31, 1973, JONES wants SIMMONS to speak at the rally. SIMMONS reluctantly agreed to talk at the rally.

With respect to the IAPWSDC Rally, SIMMONS had mentioned that he wanted to travel to Cincinnati, Ohio, on Tuesday, to meet with JAMES HARDY regarding the rally and that he and HARDY would then travel to Dayton, Ohio. However, after SIMMONS' confrontation with the two detectives, he dismissed the idea of travelling to Cincinnati on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1973, HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON spoke at three different classes at Shawnee High School. They spoke from approximately 8:30 AM until 11:30 AM at the school. They spoke regarding the Panther philosophy and answered questions and had a general discussion session with each class.

There was a political education meeting scheduled for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, however, nobody showed up. At the class, party members were scheduled to discuss the disciplining of JOHN STARKS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at a previous meeting and were also scheduled to discuss the disciplining of G.T. ALEXANDER who has been accused of not doing enough work for the party.

In addition, JOHN STARKS was going to bring charges against BEN SIMMONS because SIMMONS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On several occasions, SIMMONS has shown up at SCEF or at the party's office [REDACTED]

VERLINA BREWER, previously referred to as VIVIAN BREWER, has moved into 3029 West Kentucky Street. This address was previously the office for Stop Dope Now, however, Stop Dope Now has moved their office back to Park DuValle which was their original office space.

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS are still working for Stop Dope Now. The two houses adjacent to 3029 West Kentucky, which were supposed to have been rented by Stop Dope Now, are still boarded up and no one has done any work on these houses. As previously reported, these houses are supposed to be converted into centers where drug addicts could receive treatment.

SCEF's printing press and one of its photo machines are broken, and as a result, the party cannot complete the printing of its newspaper, "Voice of the People."

The rent, gas and telephone bills are all due this weekend with regard to the party's office. It had been hoped by party members that the paper would have been out by this time because they had planned to use the money from the sale of the newspaper to pay their bills. The party now plans to borrow money from SCEF in order to pay the bills due this weekend.

On Wednesday, March 14, 1973, a letter arrived from BERNICE JONES regarding the Black Liberation Army (BLA). Apparently the BLA had been blamed for some grocery store robberies in New York. JONES wants the KBPP to make up some leaflets denying that the BLA is responsible for any grocery store rip-offs and advocating that no one rip off grocery stores. The leaflet will advocate that instead of ripping off grocery stores that members of the BLA rip off banks instead. JONES wants these leaflets distributed throughout the black community in Louisville, Kentucky.

MIKE CLARKSON has a hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 1973. It is believed that this hearing is scheduled in Lexington, Kentucky. It is not known if anyone from the party will travel to Lexington in order to offer support for CLARKSON at this hearing. However, the last time CLARKSON had a scheduled hearing, PAT GRESHAM, G.T. ALEXANDER and RICK OLIVER had planned to attend the hearing to offer their support. This hearing, however, was continued over until March 15, 1973.

Source is not familiar with anyone named LAFAYETTE BROWN. No individual named LAFAYETTE BROWN has ever been associated with the KBPP.

Source could provide no information concerning the recent murder of SIR RICHARD SHARPLES, the Governor of Bermuda, and SHARPLES aide, Captain HUGH SAYERS. There has been no discussion concerning this murder by party members.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (100-5741) (P) DATE: 3/20/73

FROM : SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO

SUBJECT: COMPUTERIZED TELEPHONE NUMBER FILE (CTNF)
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BUFILE 162-3491

Review of Computerized Telephone Number File (CTNF), verification listing print-out dated 3/8/73, furnished by FBIHQ reflects that the following telephone numbers pertaining to the indicated investigative matters have been submitted by the Louisville Division for inclusion in CTNF and are currently included therein:

<u>Investigative File</u>	<u>Case Title</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
157-1469	Black Committee for Self Defense (BCSD); Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP)	502-583-2591
100-5386	MICHAEL LANE WELCH	502-583-5054
100-213	Communist Party, USA (CPUSA)	502-583-5054

2 - 100-5741
1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
1 - 100-5386 (WELCH)
1 - 100-213 (CPUSA)
1 - 100-5326 (WILSON)
1 - 100-5220 (GRUPPER)
1 - 157-1481 (SIMMONS, JUDITH)
1 - 100-4667 (TOCKERMAN)
1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
1 - 157-920 (YOUNG)
1 - 157-1206 (WILLIAMS, J.H.)
1 - 157-915 (McCOLLUM)
① - 157-1219 (BWC)
1 - 100-3346 (BRADEN)
1 - 157-1413 (WILLIAMS, R.T.)

1 - 157-1112 (NOI)
1 - 100-197 (SCEF)
1 - 157-1161 (JOMO)
1 - 100-5991 (SMITH)
1 - 100-5649 (Collective #1)
1 - 100-5146 (FALLAHAY)
1 - 100-733 (POPE)
1 - 157-1722 (DICKERSON)
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100-213	CPUSA, Kentucky	502-583-5054
100-5326	ROBERT EARL WILSON	502-583-6282
100-5220	IRA GRUPPER	502-584-4571
157-1481	JUDITH DARYL SIMMONS	502-589-6310
100-5667	YALE ROGER TOCKERMAN	502-637-2425
157-1486	JOHN HERBERT JONES	502-772-2942
157-920	JOSEPH NICHOLAS YOUNG, JR.	502-772-7717
157-1206	JAMES HENRI WILLIAMS	502-772-7970
157-915	CLAUDE O'DELL McCOLLUM	502-776-3595
157-1219	Black Workers Coalition	502-776-6481
100-3346	CARL BRADEN	502-776-7874
157-1469	BCSD; BPP-CF	502-776-9551
157-1413	ROBERT TURNER WILLIAMS	502-777-4281
157-1112	Nation of Islam (NOI)	502-777-4281
100-197	Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF)	502-778-3348
100-197	SCEF	502-778-3349
157-1112	NOI	502-778-4281
157-1161	Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO)	502-778-9378
100-5991	DAVID JEFFREY SMITH	606-266-1316
100-5649	Collective #1	606-266-2234

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100-5649	Collective #1	606-266-6110
100-5146	MICHAEL J. FALLAHAY	606-269-1637
157-733	JERROLD WAYNE POPE	606-384-3978

Since 3/8/73, the below listed telephone numbers have been included in CTNF, however, are not reflected on the above mentioned computer print-out:

<u>Investigative File</u>	<u>Case Title</u>	<u>Telephone Number</u>
157-1469	KBPP	587-1483
157-1722	PATRICIA DICKERSON	587-1483

Computer print-out not being retained in instant file, however, a copy of same being retained in Louisville file 162-492.

As of 3/8/73, CTNF records reflect that the Louisville Division has a total of 25 listings in captioned file. cursory review of the above listed telephone numbers reflects that several numbers relate to investigations of no current interest which may no longer be in service.

Accordingly, investigative personnel assigned pertinent investigations listed above should review all relative telephone numbers set forth to determine if same are still current and to ascertain the feasibility of retaining same in CTNF. Results of verification and feasibility survey should be furnished SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO by routing slip when accomplished so that appropriate corrective action can be taken to delete telephone numbers no longer current from CTNF. Likewise, recommendations re additional telephone numbers which should be included in CTNF should be submitted on same routing slip with investigative matter involved

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fully identified by title and file number. Any changes in telephone numbers should be furnished so that revision of CTNF can be effected.

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Leaflet re Takeover of CAC resulting from
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One (1) copy of attached literature furnished
CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Division of Police, Louisville, Ky.,
on 3/15/73 by SA EDMUND V. ARMENTO.

Copy of leaflet not attached to copy of FD-306
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THE PUPPETS DANCE AGAIN

Residents of Park-DuValle along with the Black Workers Coalition and the Kentucky State Chapter Black Panther Party, counter the government officials acts of sabotage against the people.

These brothers and sisters seized and occupied the C.A.C. building on South 3rd St. and dismissed all employees. They also demanded to meet with Fermen Knox; who replied by sending one of his lackeys to get all of the peoples names. The people are concerned about John Johnson who was fired for breaking into his own desk, the government wants Johnson out of the center. John is very effective in organizing the people and implementing various programs.

Leaving 3rd Street and proceeding to the Park DuValle Center the group was confronted as usual by a BLACK police officer. When the group said, it was taking over the building, because it belongs to the people and is theirs, and they have rights that will be recognized are else. So the VOMIT EATER Sgt. Johnson called for the racist gestapo and Lt. Lampton a fascist and racist Blood Sucker arrives with his troop. Also they brought another booth licking BLACK with them.

We can not continue to let Black Pupiteers sale out the Black Community. Anytime people becomes tired of this system and finally decides to move on this FACIST regime, 99% of the time its one of those Black traitors who intercede. But a hand full of people can bring nothing about, if you who wasn't there, if you had been there the fascist vomit-eaters would have thought second.

We need more than unity, we need to expose those of us, who would rather support the GUTTER SCAVENGER, who have blacks killing and fighting each other. Do you think Sgt. Johnson would see the need for closer ties with his people. Also, we have have Fermen Knoxs who constantly gets in position to do something and they forget quickly. Fermen Knox resigning will do more for the Black Community than he has ever done.

We must unite and seek out the lackeys in our community and deal with them by any means necessary. It's too late in history to forgive and let live, the boothlickers have had their chance to deal.

Now it's up to ALL OF THE PEOPLE in this community. Who side will you fight on?

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Where was John Johnson? So this is a trick to murder and jail Black people and justify it ? Is Johnson an agent provecutor sent in by the man? When the trigger happy police showed up to deal with the situation, WHERE WAS JOHN JOHNSON?

But the Revolutionary Vanguard was there, The People.

VICTORY TO THE BLACK LIBERATION FRONT!

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Voice Of The People

824 East Chestnut Street

Louisville, Kentucky

587-1483

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (KBPP), ITS MEMBERS

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- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1301 (B. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1378 (EDMONDSON)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP)
- 1 - 157-1463 (HARDY)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)

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- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 157-1648 (STARKS)
- 1 - 157-1667 (OLIVER)
- 1 - 157-1701 (KPPC)
- 1 - 157-1704 (IAPWSDC)
- 1 - 157-1722 (GRESHAM)
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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

Copies of this report are being furnished Cincinnati in view of their investigative interests in JAMES HARDY.

Reference is made to Louisville airtel to Cincinnati dated 3/12/73, which contained information regarding travel by KBPP members to Cincinnati, Ohio. Information contained therein was verified by [redacted] (as reflected in the body of this report) with the exception as to the time the individuals from Louisville left Cincinnati to return to Louisville, Kentucky. According to a Cincinnati Police Department source, the group from Louisville left Cincinnati at 10:00 PM on 3/8/73. However, [redacted] personally observed all five individuals who made the trip on 3/8/73 in Louisville, Kentucky. Source observed all five individuals between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on 3/8/73.

On 3/12/73, Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised regarding the possibility of a demonstration being held at the County Clerk's Office by members of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and the KBPP on 3/13/73.

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Louisville, Kentucky
March 12, 1973

On Saturday, March 10, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) sponsored a political meeting at LEO LESSER's church located at 677 South 40th Street, Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting lasted from 2:30 PM until 6:00 PM. About fifty people were in attendance at the meeting's peak.

The following Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members attended the meeting:

BEN SIMMONS
MIKE CLARKSON
PAT GRESHAM
HERB JONES
JOHN STARKS
BRUCE CONWAY
RICK OLIVER
CAROLLE MORRIS
G.T. ALEXANDER
UMOJA.

At the meeting, local black candidates running for offices in Louisville, Kentucky, gave short political speeches followed by a question and answer period and finally followed by a general discussion period.

Most of the individuals at the meeting were in some way associated with the BWC.

The following individuals who are running for local office gave short speeches:

LEO LESSER
ROBBIE CHILDS
LOIS MARSH
ERNEST JOHNSON
RAY HUDSON
BRUCE CONWAY
SIRI HY GANDHI

An unidentified Negro female running for Alderman.

During the discussion period at this meeting, the fact was brought out that the BWC has had difficulty in getting

registration forms from the County Clerk's Office in conjunction with its efforts to get as many black people as possible to register to vote.

It was decided that individuals from the BWC and KBPP, as well as any other interested individuals, will meet at the BWC office at 10:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13, 1973, and from there will travel to the County Clerk's Office and attempt to get a couple of thousand registration forms. (In the past the most registration forms obtained at one time was approximately two hundred.) In the event the County Clerk's Office will not provide the requested number of registration forms, a demonstration will take place at the County Clerk's Office.

The above-described plan of action and possible demonstration will be headed by RAY HUDSON and by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of the BWC. RAY HUDSON is a candidate for the United States House of Representatives.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Urban League of Louisville will be contacted to see if they wish to participate in the activities on March 13, 1973.

At the political meeting on Saturday, the only individual who spoke in a militant fashion was SIRI HY GANDHI. As usual, however, no one paid much attention to GANDHI because she always speaks in a militant fashion and if she spoke in any other fashion people would be disappointed. Despite the fact that GANDHI speaks in a militant fashion, no one takes her seriously and she has no following in the black community.

After speaking, GANDHI spoke briefly with BEN SIMMONS and BRUCE CONWAY of the KBPP in an effort to get members of the KBPP to meet with members of the Black Student Union (BSU) at the University of Louisville in order to "educate" members of the BSU. SIMMONS agreed to do this at some future date but did not commit himself to any exact date.

Shortly after noon on Sunday, March 11, 1973, members of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF) busied themselves at 3208 West Broadway, preparing for the dinner to be held later that afternoon by the Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC). KPPC members expected that most of the individuals who would be at the dinner would be from SCEF. No more than thirty people were

expected at this dinner.

BEN SIMMONS has recently agreed to model clothes at a fashion show at Park DuValle on May 5, 1973. It is not known whether or not SIMMONS will get paid for this activity. Party members have been riding SIMMONS because he agreed to model the clothes.

The party's newspaper, "Voice of the People," has still not been completed because SCEF's printing press has developed problems with regard to the ink. The press is being worked on and hopefully it will be repaired soon. Party members now hope that the paper will be out on the streets by Wednesday, March 14, 1973.

According to BEN SIMMONS, on Wednesday evening, March 7, 1973, he, along with JUDI SIMMONS, MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESHAM and UMOJA, travelled to Cincinnati, Ohio, and met with JIM HARDY at HARDY's apartment. According to SIMMONS, they met with HARDY with regard to the International African Prisoner of War Solidarity Day Committee (IAPWSDC) Rally to be held in Jackson, Mississippi, on March 31, 1973. According to SIMMONS, HARDY agreed to "spread the word" in Cincinnati regarding the rally.

According to SIMMONS, he and the rest of the individuals from Louisville left Cincinnati early Thursday morning and were back in Louisville, Kentucky, prior to 9:00 AM on Thursday, March 8, 1973, enabling JUDI SIMMONS and PAT GRESHAM to be at work at SCEF at 9:00 AM.

SIMMONS stated that he plans to return to Cincinnati in the near future in order to meet with HARDY, so that he and HARDY can then travel to Dayton, Ohio, in order to further publicize the(IAPWSDC) rally in that city.

The rent for the party's office is due this Saturday, and the telephone bill is also due. The party has no money and it appears that the party will have to come up with a fund raising project in order to pay the rent and the telephone bill. The party had hoped that the newspaper "Voice of the People", would be out sooner than it has been and the money necessary to pay the party's bills would have been raised from the sale of that paper. However, now that the paper has been delayed, an alternate means of getting the money must be sought.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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On Thursday, March 8, 1973, JUDI SIMMONS and PAT GRESHAM were at the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated (SCEF) at 9:00 AM, performing their duties as secretaries at SCEF.

At approximately noontime, BRUCE CONWAY, MIKE CLARKSON and RICK OLIVER met at the office and began to paint the inside of the office. They painted until approximately 4:00 PM when G.T. ALEXANDER arrived at the office from school, and ALEXANDER, CLARKSON and OLIVER decided to go for a ride.

About 4:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS and UMOJA arrived at SCEF. SIMMONS was driving a 1963 blue Valiant which belongs to SCEF. SIMMONS met with MIKE WELCH, HELEN GREEVER and JAN PHILLIPS regarding the use of SCEF's facilities by the party. It was agreed that SCEF will make available its equipment for the party's use to enable the party to publish its newspaper, "Voice of the People." SCEF will charge "no more than one hundred dollars" for the party's printing of between one thousand and fifteen hundred copies of the newspaper. SCEF has agreed to give the party keys to its typesetting and printing rooms.

Also on Thursday, MIKE CLARKSON, G.T. ALEXANDER and HERB JONES went to Channel 41 where they taped the program "Rap" which will be seen next Saturday on Channel 41.

There was not much activity on Friday, March 9, 1973, BRUCE CONWAY and RICK OLIVER finished painting the office while MIKE CLARKSON and G.T. ALEXANDER visited DARRYL BLAKEMORE at the Eddyville State Penitentiary. CLARKSON and ALEXANDER left Louisville at approximately 11:00 AM and returned at approximately 7:00 PM.

HERB JONES spent most of the day at SCEF working on "Voice of the People." UMOJA arrived at SCEF at approximately 5:00 PM and waited around for BEN SIMMONS to pick him up. SIMMONS and UMOJA are spending a great deal of time together and at the present time UMOJA is staying at the SIMMONSES' apartment.

On Saturday, March 10, 1973, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) will hold a rally at LEO LESSER's church. The rally will be for all black political candidates. It is scheduled to start at 2:00 PM.

On Friday, March 9, 1973, two Negro males stopped by the party office and got security forms, which they stated they would fill out and return to the party office. One of these individuals was TONY MOORE who had previously expressed an interest in joining the party. On this occasion, TONY referred to himself as "ROCKY."

The other individual who picked up a security form was an individual who referred to himself as "MOOSE." "MOOSE" claims that he just got out of the Navy and expressed a desire to join the party.

G.T. ALEXANDER has been using one of SCEF's credit cards. It is believed that ALEXANDER is using the name CHARLES BRADEN when signing the credit card. ALEXANDER obtained a driver's license under the name CHARLES BRADEN in the event he ever needs any identification with that name. As yet, SCEF is unaware that ALEXANDER has been using the credit card.

The Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) plans to hold a dimer on Sunday at 6:00 PM at 3208 West Broadway. Most of the individuals at the dinner will be from SCEF.

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Protesters told to halt action agency interference

By MERVIN AUBESPIN

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Jefferson Circuit Judge Marvin J. Sternberg yesterday ordered protesters who took over the office of Community Action Commission Executive Director Furmon Knox to stop interfering with action commission activities.

Knox wasn't in his office when the group of about 16 persons arrived about 9 a.m. yesterday. The group left the office about 2 p.m., according to action commission spokesmen.

Sternberg's restraining order came after a lawsuit filed by the commission and the city of Louisville against the protesters.

The protesters went to Knox's office, at 1348 S. Third St., to "talk" to him about reinstating John Johnson as director of the Park-DuValle Service Center, according to Mrs. Martha Rouse, a Park-DuValle board member and a spokesman for the protesting group.

Johnson was fired from his post at the service center, 1809 South 34th St., on March 5. According to a letter from Knox dated March 2, Johnson had "forced open a desk and removed a letter from the CAC offices on South Third on February 27."

The letter, according to Johnson, was a request from the service center board asking that Park-DuValle be given more representation on the CAC board. The CAC board currently has one representative from the center.

Johnson and the service center board have expressed the feeling that more was involved in the termination than the letter incident.

Contacted last night, Knox said, "After meeting with legal counsel, it has been decided that I will meet with anyone, but I cannot allow a disruption of our normal functions or place in jeopardy the safety of our staff."

Concerning Johnson's firing, Knox said, "A department head made a recommendation to terminate a man . . . after careful evaluation of the facts, I decided to follow the recommendation."

The action commission has designated Mrs. Margaret Young acting director of

the center. Mrs. Young was deputy director before Johnson's appointment last summer.

Mrs. Rouse said an acting director will not be accepted in Johnson's place. "We want Johnson back," she said.

Members of the group that gathered at the action commission office were from the Park-DuValle neighborhood council, the Black Workers Coalition and the Louisville Tenants Union, she said.

A press release issued by the group calls for the immediate removal of Knox and Sylvester Tutt, action commission field operations coordinator. Tutt, Johnson's immediate supervisor, recommended that Johnson be fired.

Board members of the service center and Park-DuValle area residents have already obtained about 500 signatures on petitions demanding the resignations of Knox and Tutt.

Knox said that his office plans a press conference sometime today.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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- 1 - 157-1477 (ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1481 (J. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1486 (JONES)
- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 157-1648 (STARKS)

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[Louisville, Kentucky]
March 5, 1973

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On Saturday, March 3, 1973, the party held its "Black Survival" dinner at the Plymouth Settlement House. The affair got started at approximately 3:00 PM. The most people attending the affair at one time was approximately forty (at dinner time). (c)

The following local political figures attended the affair: (c)

[NEVILLE TUCKER
HENRY OWENS
ROBBIE CHILDS
ERNEST JOHNSON (Running for Sheriff).]

(c)

Each of these individuals delivered a short political speech. (c)

Also attending the affair was HENRI WILLIAMS, who spoke regarding his group the "African Peoples Socialist Party." According to WILLIAMS, his group is concentrating their efforts in the Russell Area of Louisville and the purpose of the group is to conduct surveys in order to determine what is most troubling black people. WILLIAMS stated that his group will make the results of any surveys they conduct available to any interested group in order to help solve problems within the black community. WILLIAMS stated that his group is located at Holy Cross Church, 3110 West Broadway, and that the group holds political education classes every Saturday at the church at 11:00 AM. (c)

BRUCE CONWAY spoke for a brief time and announced his candidacy for alderman from the Fifth Ward in Louisville. (c)

The dinner started at approximately 4:30 PM and ended at 5:15 PM, at which time the entire affair ended. (c)

The dinner consisted of chicken, green beans, potato salad and drinks. Everything was donated with the exception of the chicken, which the party bought at a discount rate from somewhere in Indiana. (c)

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On Saturday night, BRUCE CONWAY, HERB JONES and MIKE CLARKSON worked on the party's newspaper, "Voice of the People", completing it. The original plan was to have the paper run off by White's Printing Company, however, WHITE did not appear to be too interested in printing this issue and the party felt that he was charging them too much. Due to the party's dissatisfaction with WHITE, it was decided that the party would use the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated's (SCEF) printing machine to run off the paper. However, on Saturday the SCEF machine was broken and they were not able to run off the paper. (c)

On Saturday night, BEN SIMMONS, JUDI SIMMONS and UMOJA went drinking at some bars on Washington Street in Louisville. (c)

On Sunday afternoon, G.T. ALEXANDER, MIKE CLARKSON and STERLING NEAL attended the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) meeting at the BWC Office. According to CLARKSON, the main reason for attending the meeting was to interview some of the workers at the meeting so that the interviews may be included in the next issue of "Voice of the People." (c)

On Sunday night at approximately 9:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS stopped by SCEF's office and stated that UMOJA had left Louisville by bus about an hour earlier to return to Rochester, New York. (c)

According to G.T. ALEXANDER, he and JOHN STARKS will start working for Stop Dope Now (SDN) today. He and STARKS will work out of an office located at the Park DuValle Service Center. They will be at the office three days per week and on the other two days they will be on the street recruiting dope addicts who will participate in the SDN's drug program. (c)

According to ALEXANDER, SDN has obtained the homes adjacent to SDN office and these homes are being renovated at the present time so that they may be used in the drug rehabilitation program. (c)

SCEF's printing machine has been fixed and it is hoped that the party will be able to use the machine tonight in order to run off the newspaper and have it on the streets by tomorrow. (c)

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMEMORATION MARCH
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
4/4/73
CIVIL UNREST

On 3/5/73, Det. JOHN KIRKWOOD, LPD, Louisville, provided the attached parade permit request by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of the Black Workers Coalition, Inc. (BWC) for a parade on 4/4/73, at Louisville, Kentucky, from 11 AM until 3 PM.

1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
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PERSON REQUESTING PERMIT: Roosevelt Roberts
ADDRESS: 3502 Navenac Apt # 1 PHONE: 774-52 67
ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING PARADE: The Black Workers Coalition Inc.
ADDRESS: 2300 W. Oak Street PHONE: 7766481
PERSON IN CHARGE: Roosevelt Roberts
ADDRESS: 3502 Navenac Apt # 1 PHONE: 774-5267
DATE OF PARADE: April 4, 1973 TIME OF PARADE:
START: 11:00am
TERMINATION: 3:00pm

PORTION OF STREET, SIDEWALK, PARK, ETC.

REQUIRED FOR MOVEMENT OF PARADE: STREETLOCATION OF ASSEMBLY AREA BOUNDARIES: 9th WalnutHAVE ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR ASSEMBLY AREA PARKING RESTRICTIONS? NoINTERVAL TO BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN UNITS: Each two hundred personsDISPERSAL AREA BOUNDARIES: Jefferson County Courthouse (Jefferson & Amory)HAVE ARRANGEMENTS BEEN MADE WITH TRAFFIC ENGINEER FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN DISPERSAL AREA? NoNUMBER OF PERSONS, ANIMALS, VEHICLES, AND TYPE OF VEHICLES TO BE IN PARADE:
5,000 (five thousand persons) --- 20 (twenty vehicles)

ROUTE OF PARADE FROM START TO FINISH, STREET BY STREET, GIVING DIRECTION ON EACH. (LIST ON BACK)

APPROVED: *[Signature]*

DIRECTOR OF SAFETY

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SIGNATURE OF PERSON REQUESTING
PERMITDATE: 2-22-73

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- 1 - 157-815 (LESSER)
- 1 - 157-927 (MLK March)
- 1 - 157-1112 (NOI)
- ① - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1329 (IBWC)
- 1 - 157-1469 (KBPP)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
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On March 1, 1973, source provided a copy of the BWC's newsletter. "The Black Community's Voice," dated February 17, 1973. This newsletter is being attached to a copy of this report designated for [REDACTED] and in addition, copies of the newsletter are being attached to copies of this report designated for Louisville files 157-1503 and 157-1550.

On March 2, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised that VANITA TINKER claims to have applied for a permit in order that the BWC can hold a parade on 4/4/73 commemorating the anniversary of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Detective KIRKWOOD advised that he would attempt to obtain the details surrounding the application for the permit.

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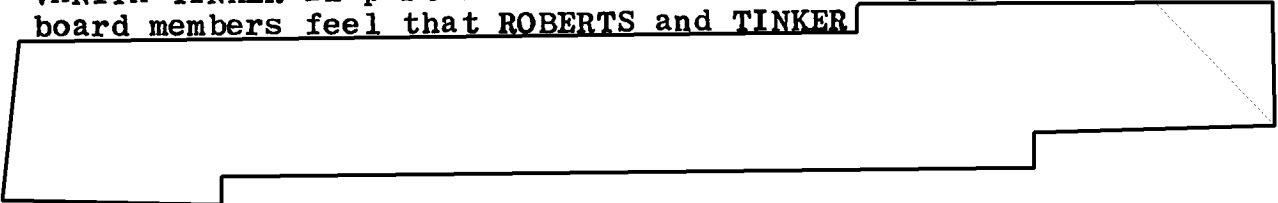
Louisville, Kentucky
March 1, 1973

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is now holding its board meetings at the office on Saturdays. At last Saturday's meeting, board members were very critical of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and RON SLAUGHTER. They criticized ROBERTS because he and VANITA TINKER have been signing checks and the only one who is supposed to sign checks for the BWC is JIMMY COX. Because ROBERTS and TINKER have been signing checks which they are not authorized to sign, the BWC's financial records are "all messed up."

ROBERTS was also criticized because he has criticized BWC members at public functions in front of non-members, thereby causing much embarrassment to the BWC members.

Board members criticized RON SLAUGHTER because the various children's programs sponsored by the BWC have been very unsuccessful.

With respect to the unsuccessful children's programs, board members also blamed ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and VANITA TINKER in part for the failure of the programs because board members feel that ROBERTS and TINKER



There is a new member of the board of directors of the BWC. His first name is unknown, however, his last name is BELL.

With respect to (First Name Unknown) BELL, he attended last Sunday's BWC community meeting, and he brought an unknown individual with him. This individual was drunk and caused a disturbance at the meeting. Other board members were very critical of BELL for bringing this individual to the meeting.

Two individuals who are members of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) also attended last Sunday's meeting. They arrived with a Negro female, whose name was unknown, however who is known to be associated in some way with Stop Dope Now. They arrived when the meeting was almost over and did not speak at the meeting. After the meeting was over, they spoke briefly with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER and then left.

There were also several ministers at the meeting, including the Reverend LEO LESSER. LESSER delivered a short political speech while at the meeting.

DOROTHY ROBERTS continued to run the BWC's drug class on Monday nights. She is now assisted by another Negro female who has become interested in the BWC, but whose name has not been learned as yet.

The BWC plans to hold a march on April 4, 1973, commemorating the anniversary of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. With respect to this march, VANITA TINKER claims that she has applied for a permit in order that the BWC can hold a march.

By way of publicizing the march and by way of recruiting people who will participate in the march, the BWC has been meeting with various church groups trying to get their support. In addition, the BWC will write letters to various schools in the West End in order to attempt to get children out of school on that day so that they can participate in the march.

The BWC plans to have some posters made up publicizing the march and to distribute these posters in the West End.

The two representatives from Ford who had been at the BWC office taking complaints from employees of Ford have terminated their activities at the BWC office.

The BWC has no immediate plans for any picketing or demonstrations with the exception of the march on April 4, 1973.

The BWC has had no contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

In recent months there have been no Catholic nuns hanging around the BWC office. This is unusual because prior to a month ago, it was not unusual to see Catholic nuns (both black and white) at the BWC office almost on a daily basis.

The BWC office has not been as active the past week as usual. On several days the office was not opened. According to RON SLAUGHTER, the reason that the office has not been opened and the activity has been minimal is due to the fact that "nothing is happening."

The BWC has had no further contact with the Nation of Islam (NOI).

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- 1 - 157-808 (NEAL)
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- 1 - 157-1160 (PENICK)
- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1276 (WRIGHT)
- 1 - 157-1301 (B. SIMMONS)
- 1 - 157-1397 (BPP)
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- 1 - 157-1497 (D. ALEXANDER)
- 1 - 157-1544 (CONWAY)
- 1 - 157-1553 (MORRIS)
- 1 - 157-1574 (SPAULDING)
- 1 - 157-1615 (CLARKSON)
- 1 - 157-1648 (STARKS)
- 1 - 157-1667 (OLIVER)
- 1 - 157-1722 (GRESUM)

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On 2/27/73, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised that the KBPP plans to hold a "black survival" dinner on 3/3/73 at the Plymouth Settlement House. (c)

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[Louisville, Kentucky]
February 27, 1973

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On Saturday, February 24, 1973, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) held its children's community day at the Grace Hope Presbyterian Church. It turned out to be a big flop. The most children who participated in the program at one time was approximately fifteen. (c)

It is not known whether breakfast was served to the children, however, at approximately 10:00 AM, JOHN STARKS and MIKE CLARKSON took the children on a tour through the Speed Museum at the University of Louisville. The children were then brought back to Grace Hope Presbyterian Church and were fed cookies and Kool-Aid. (c)

At approximately 1:00 PM, the children were shown a movie entitled, "My Beloved Country," about a black girl in Africa who becomes a prostitute and the attempts of the girl's brother to straighten her life out. The movie was not geared for presentation to children (all of the children who attended the program were ten years old or younger), and the children became bored and most of them left during the showing of the movie. (c)

The movie ended at approximately 3:00 PM, and at that time the children's community day was ended. HERB JONES had two other movies concerning South Africa that he wanted to show the children, but by 3:00 PM the children who had remained were so bored that he decided not to show the remaining movies. (c)

At approximately 6:00 PM, G.T. ALEXANDER and MIKE CLARKSON left Louisville in ALEXANDER's car in order to travel to Lexington, Kentucky. They went to Lexington in order to sell the party's newspaper, "Voice of the People." ALEXANDER and CLARKSON returned to Louisville on Sunday at approximately 5:00 PM. (c)

According to ALEXANDER, while in Lexington, in addition to selling newspapers, they met ten black youths who are interested in the party and interested in starting (c)

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a branch office of the KBPP in Lexington, Kentucky. ALEXANDER plans to talk to BEN SIMMONS regarding this possibility, and it will be up to SIMMONS to decide whether or not he wants to recontact any of these people in Lexington. (c)

With regard to the party's newspaper, "Voice of the People", the party printed one thousand copies of the newspaper. The newspaper was printed at the White's Printing Company and it cost the party \$250.00. BEN SIMMONS sent two or three copies of the newspaper to New York to show New York what the paper was like. However, none of the papers were sent to New York to be sold. (c)

To date, approximately 850 copies of the paper have been sold. This includes sales in Louisville and in Lexington and also in Nashville, Tennessee. The paper was sold in Nashville, Tennessee, by LIZ FREEMAN, the white attorney from Legal Aid, who attended a lawyers convention in Nashville, Tennessee, last Friday and took fifty issues of the newspapers with her in order to sell at the convention. (c)

It is hoped that the paper will eventually be published and sold on a weekly basis. However, at the present time the newspaper will be published on a bi-weekly basis. (c)

The next issues of the newspaper will probably appear this coming Friday. It is hoped by the party that they will again publish approximately one thousand copies. However, at this time the size of the paper on which the printing appears will be one-half the size that it was the last time. This will reduce the cost of the printing. In addition to reducing the size of the paper which will be used, BRUCE CONWAY when doing the lay-out will photograph the lay-out, then develop the photographs and place these photographs on aluminum plating and then make permanent plates. These permanent plates will then be taken to the printer who will merely run them off. It is hoped by doing this the cost of the printing will be between eighty and one hundred dollars or perhaps even less. The party sells the newspapers at a cost of twenty-five cents per copy and will continue to do so in the future. (c)

On Sunday, G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS attended a meeting of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). They attended this meeting along with the girl who works at Stop Dope Now (as previously reported). ALEXANDER is romantically interested in this girl. (c)

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The reason for their attending the meeting was to talk to BWC officials about the BWC's platform so that the platform may be included in an upcoming issue of "Voice of the People." According to ALEXANDER, he never really did get to talk to anyone at the BWC in depth about the BWC's program, but did obtain some literature regarding the BWC, and this will probably be included in the next issue of the party's newspaper. (c)

On Monday, BRUCE CONWAY was at the party's office at approximately 8:30 AM when MIKE CLARKSON and HERB JONES arrived at the office after having served breakfast to children at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church. According to CLARKSON and JONES, JUDI SIMMONS had taken BEN SIMMONS to the airport earlier that morning and BEN SIMMONS had caught a plane to New York. SIMMONS had received money from New York on Saturday in order to purchase a plane ticket to New York, however, SIMMONS was unable to get a flight out of Louisville to New York until Monday. (c)

On Monday, EDDIE HARRIS stopped by the office as he has been doing for the past several days. HARRIS stops by and offers his assistance in any way that he can and at the present time is probably the most enthusiastic worker in the party. (c)

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS were out talking to various politicians in the Louisville area, attempting to get their endorsements for the party's prison bussing program. According to ALEXANDER, they spoke to STERLING NEAL, who is head of Stop Dope Now, LEO LESSER, HENRY OWENS, NEVILLE TUCKER and ROBBIE CHILDS. (c)

With respect to STERLING NEAL, most of the KBPP members feel that NEAL is politically ambitious and is working with the party merely to use the party in any way he can in order to enhance his political position within the black community. However, despite this fact, the party will work with NEAL because they feel they can use him in turn and at the present time it is really a matter of who can drain the most out of whom. (c)

The party held a meeting at 4:00 PM at the office. The meeting lasted until approximately 6:00 PM. Those in attendance included HERB JONES, JOHN STARKS, G.T. ALEXANDER, BRUCE CONWAY, CAROLLE MORRIS, MIKE CLARKSON, PAT GRESUM and TOMMY SMITH. (c)

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The following matters were discussed at the meeting: ~~(c)~~

It was decided that the party will continue its free breakfast program and that HERB JONES will be responsible for running it. ~~(c)~~

It was decided that the party will hold a "black survival" dinner this Saturday at the Plymouth Settlement House. The affair will begin at 2:00 PM and dinner will be served at 5:00 PM. From 2:00 to 5:00 it is anticipated that NEVILLE TUCKER, HENRY OWENS, LEO LESSER and ROBBIE CHILDS will give talks and that the West Side Players will perform a little skit. The party will then serve dinner at 5:00 PM, which will include chicken, potato salad and green beans. ~~(c)~~

The party hopes to get most of the food by way of donations and what it cannot obtain by way of donations, will be purchased. ~~(c)~~

The main reason the party is sponsoring the "black survival" dinner is to gain support and publicity for its free bussing program. In addition to this, BRUCE CONWAY is scheduled to announce his candidacy for Alderman from the Fifth Ward. CONWAY will run as an Independent, but will be supported by the party. ~~(c)~~

The party hopes to have extensive press coverage of its "black survival" dinner. ~~(c)~~

Also discussed at the meeting was the possibility of establishing an "emergency assistance program." The party will charge a membership fee of ten dollars in order to join the "emergency assistance program." A member will then be entitled to any type of emergency assistance, including obtaining food and emergency transportation, clothing, et cetera. The details regarding this program were not ironed out, but most members agreed that it would be a good program to implement. ~~(c)~~

On Tuesday, BRUCE CONWAY signed in at the office at 8:30 AM, and HERB JONES signed in at 9:15 AM. CONWAY and JONES are usually the first two to arrive at the party. CONWAY signs in at the office and stays for a couple of hours prior to his attending classes at the University of Louisville, while JONES signs in after serving breakfast at Grace Hope Presbyterian Church. ~~(c)~~

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The party has an excellent relationship with radio station WLOU. WLOU gives a great deal of publicity to the various party programs. On Tuesday morning, BRUCE CONWAY advised WLOU regarding the party's "black survival" dinner on Saturday, and WLOU immediately began to publicize it over the air. (c)

A Negro male named RICHARD GAITHER, who is described as approximately 23, 5'8", weight 145 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, glasses and short hair, stopped by the office at approximately 1:30 PM. GAITHER claims that he is employed as a social worker at Pewee Valley. GAITHER gave the impression that he is a student and works only part-time at Pewee Valley. GAITHER indicated that there is a new program being instituted at Pewee Valley, which is a pre-release program, whereby some of the women get released ahead of schedule. GAITHER stated that he would like to help the party get a bus with regard to its free bussing program to enable the party to bus to Pewee Valley. GAITHER was especially interested in bussing friends and relatives for women inmates who would be participating in the pre-release program because he feels that these women need a great deal of help to insure the success of the pre-release program. (c)

With regard to PAT GRESUM, GRESUM is not a party member. She is considered a party supporter however. GRESUM works full time at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and according to CAROLLE MORRIS, GRESUM is paid one hundred dollars per week. (c)

CAROLLE MORRIS is also working full time at SCEF, now having quit her job at Cinema West. MORRIS started to work full time at SCEF last Wednesday. According to MORRIS, she as well as GRESUM, receives one hundred dollars per week. (c)

On Tuesday at approximately 4:00 PM, BEN SIMMONS called BRUCE CONWAY at the party's office. SIMMONS stated that he had just arrived in Louisville having returned from New York, but that he was too tired to come to the office and would talk to CONWAY regarding the trip tomorrow. (c)

G.T. ALEXANDER was at the party's office and while there he received a telephone call from Region Eight. ALEXANDER was offered a job as an orderly at Region Eight. ALEXANDER stated that he will probably not accept this job. ALEXANDER surmises that he is offered this job because on a previous (c)

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occasion he and his brother, DON ALEXANDER, as well as JOHN STARKS had applied for a job with Region Eight as counselors. They were not accepted for this position, but ALEXANDER feels that since he had an application with Region Eight, they decided to call him regarding the job as an orderly. (c)

DON SPAULDING has not been involved with the KBPP for several months and apparently has lost all interest in the party. (c)

RICK OLIVER is still in Boston. He called last night from Boston. OLIVER made a collect telephone call to himself so as to let the party know that he had arrived safely in Boston. (c)

Prior to leaving Louisville, OLIVER ripped off SCEF of between \$100.00 and \$150.00 and also took some checks with him. SCEF is aware that OLIVER is responsible for the theft. (c)

NANCY PENICK has indicated that she wants to become active within the party again, despite the fact that she claims she is working full time at the University of Louisville at its medical facility. PENICK claims that she is working in a laboratory at the medical facility. PENICK stated that she would like to be assigned as permanent officer of the day on Saturday inasmuch as she does not work on Saturday. (c)

STERLING NEAL, head of Stop Dope Now, claims that he will know tomorrow for certain whether or not Stop Dope Now will be able to obtain the two houses adjacent to its office space. In the event NEAL is successful in obtaining these homes, Stop Dope Now will immediately begin to renovate the homes. (c)

G.T. ALEXANDER and JOHN STARKS have been assured by NEAL that in the event the homes are obtained they will definitely be employed at the homes. As previously reported, these homes will be rehabilitation sites for drug addicts, and ALEXANDER and STARKS will be mainly responsible for going out and getting junkies off the street to participate in the program. (c)

JOHN STARKS claims that he currently has a pusher under surveillance and is gathering information concerning this pusher's daily activities. According to STARKS, when he gathers enough information concerning this individual's daily activities, he will make a move on him. (c)

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Neither STARKS nor G.T. ALEXANDER has made any further mention about the possibility of their committing any armed robberies. At the present time the pressure is off ALEXANDER and STARKS as far as obtaining money is concerned, inasmuch as CAROLLE MORRIS and MARY (Last Name Unknown) (STARKS' girl friend) are staying at ALEXANDER's apartment and since both are employed they are footing all the bills. In addition, if Stop Dope Now is successful in obtaining the above-mentioned houses, ALEXANDER and STARKS have been assured of jobs. ~~for~~

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On February 14, 1973, source provided a newsletter entitled, "Black Community's Voice," dated February 3, 1973. This newsletter was published by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) and the BWC plans to continue to publish the newsletter. The newsletter is attached to the copy of this report designated for LS 157-1219.

On the same date, source also furnished a flier publicizing a community meeting sponsored by the Russell Area Council on February 6, 1973. The meeting was scheduled to discuss the recent Federal cut-backs with regard to Federal spending ordered by President NIXON. A copy of this flier is attached to copy of this report designated for LS 157-1728.

The above flier regarding the community meeting sponsored by the Russell Area Council was obtained at the BWC Office. Source has no information that anyone associated with the BWC intends to attend any type of demonstration scheduled on February 20, 1973, in Washington, D.C., protesting the cut-off of funds for community action agencies. Source was instructed to remain alert for any information re same.

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Louisville, Kentucky
February 14, 1973

For the past week and one half there have been two representatives from the Ford Motor Company at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. They have been at the BWC Office for most of the day and remain at the office until approximately 9:00 PM every night. One individual is a white man and the other individual a black man, who is on crutches. These two representatives are at the BWC Office in order to talk with employees from the Ford Motor Company in order to hear any grievances that they may have concerning working conditions at the Ford plants in Louisville, Kentucky. They have also asked Ford employees what their ambitions are, if they have any complaints in general or any complaints specifically with regard to job discrimination, poor treatment, et cetera.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is taking most of the credit for succeeding in getting Ford to send representatives to the BWC Office in order to take these complaints. According to ROBERTS, all the hard work that he has done by way of publicizing the poor working conditions and poor treatment of blacks at Ford, has finally resulted in some action.

It is not known how much longer these two Ford representatives will continue their operations at the BWC Office.

Recently, the BWC has received several envelopes from Nashville, Tennessee. The return address at Nashville, Tennessee, is Post Office Box 5747, Nashville, Tennessee, 37208.

Last Tuesday, ROBBIE CHILDRESS, who is running for alderman, held a campaign meeting at the BWC Office. Approximately thirty people attended the meeting. The BWC is supporting her candidacy.

The BWC is conducting drug abuse programs every Monday and Wednesday nights. DOROTHY ROBERTS is heading this program. She continues to show films regarding drug abuse and to lead discussion groups afterwards. These classes are not well attended.

BOB CUMMINGS continues to come by the BWC Office every day. Usually he is joined during the daytime at the office by VANITA TINKER and sometimes by RON SLAUGHTER. These three individuals are mainly responsible for the operation of the BWC's Office during its daytime hours.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS continues to come to the BWC Office every night, and he is mainly responsible for the BWC's office operation during the night-time hours.

Last week the BWC agreed to support an individual who was recently fired from General Electric after having been employed by General Electric for over ten years.

Last Sunday the BWC held its regularly scheduled community meeting. LEO LESSER spoke at this meeting regarding his candidacy for Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

The BWC has had no further contact with the Nation of Islam (NOI). The NOI member who had been by the BWC Office a few times during the month of January, has not been by the office at all during the month of February. None of the BWC members seem particularly interested in establishing any type of working relationship with the NOI.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER have had a lot of petty arguments recently. RAPIER is the more intelligent of the two, but ROBERTS is the more vocal of the two. On many occasions, RAPIER becomes annoyed at ROBERTS' talking so much and accuses him of saying things without thinking about them first. RAPIER is particularly annoyed with the fact that ROBERTS has taken so much credit for getting Ford representatives at the BWC Office in order to take complaints from Ford employees. RAPIER feels that the BWC, as an organization, not ROBERTS as an individual, is mainly responsible.

Neither LOUIS JENNINGS nor ORVILLE GERTON has been by the BWC at all. In addition, CAROL THOMAS has not been by the BWC Office. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, he has barred CAROL THOMAS from ever coming to the office again.

After almost two months' absence, JIMMY COX returned to the BWC Office last week and has become active within the BWC again.

The BWC has no definite plans to demonstrate or picket any organization or business establishment in the near future. The BWC is mainly concerned at the present time with getting as many Ford employees as possible to come to the BWC Office in order to talk with the Ford representatives and tell the representatives their grievances against the Ford company.

BLACK Community Voice

Published in Louisville by
The Black Workers Coalition
2300 W. Oak Street (776-6481)

Feb. 3, 1973

Man Child in the Promis Land By R. Roberts

During the past three years I have served as chairman of the Black Workers Coalition. In public speaking I have been branded as a person with a very controversial ideology by some of the white liberals and also come of the Blacks who profess to be active in the liberation struggle of Black people. Each week I won't to try and explain one of the so called controversial statements that have been brought to my attention by various individuals. One statement I made 18 mos. ago and I quote, "I maintain that every civil rights bill in this country was passed for white people," To explain this I must give some examples. We are Black, we know that, we also know that while we are Black we are human beings, therefore we have the right to go into any public place. White people didn't know that. So everytime we tried to go into a public place they stopped us. So someone had to write a bill to tell the man, Hey they are humans don't stop them. So you see that bill was for white people, not for us. We knew we could vote all the time, we tried we were shot, killed or jailed, beaten or economically deprived. So somebody had to write a bill to tell white people, when a Black man comes to vote, don't bother him. That bill was for white people, not us.

Nixon's Inaugual Speech By B. J. Tinker

Some of the speech left me wondering if people really know or care about our conditions. When I say know, I mean politically our statues as human being. Our status or values as being born in America, born as citizens of the United States, our human rights. In his inaugural address he said "In our own lives, let each of us ask not just what will government do for me, but what can I do for myself. In other words he's letting you know don't expect my government to come to my rescue when there's no other means of survival.

When I have scraped the bottom of the barrel, keep seeking and I may have pity on you. He's telling you that our forefathers, our sisters and brothes that have built this country died for this supposedly free democracy, all this was in vain. Then you speak of a penny earned is a penny saved, but yet, the poor wretched people of this decaded institutionalized racist society are the ones that must spend that penny. Do you know your human rights as a colored man, Black man, or Negr. As a colored man you probably say everything the whiteman says is alright because he's white, and he knows what's right. As a negro you say I'll take his side on this or that, but when it comes down to you taking his side on things that are beneficial to your people you're definitely against it. As a Black man who's really becoming aware of the social ills, you begain to question his geographic boundaries he begins to wonder why the whiteman says all niggers look alike, he begins to question the true color of God and whiteman's qualifications for Blacks. A true Black man or woman begins to question all aspects of the society which has been taught him since birth.

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American Red Cross*****589-4450
C A C *****589-3100
B.W.C. Crisis Program--77-66481

ADVERTISEMENT

White Printing Co.-----774-3464
2700 W. Walnut

ATTORNEY

Neville Tucker -----776-4619
3308 W. Broadway

LIQUOR STORES

Skips Liquors
1610 W. Oak Street

NIGHTS CLUBS

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Playboy Lounge
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SA FRANK J. GITSCHIER

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On 12/26/72, source advised that there have been no individuals from the KBPP at Mr. D's for several months. Source has heard that KBPP members have been frequenting some bars on Second St., recently.

On 1/24/73, source advised that he has seen ROOSEVELT ROBERTS at Mr. D's with an unknown female (not VANITA TINKER). It is source's opinion that ROBERTS is a "ladies' man" despite the fact that ROBERTS is married.

Source has heard that the Black Workers' Coalition (BWC) will hold a march in April commemorating the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 29, 1973

JIMMY COX has not been by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office for about one month. He has offered no explanation with regard to his inactivity, but BOB CUMMINGS mentioned that

RON SLAUGHTER was unsuccessful in his attempt to get elected to the California Center Committee, losing the election to an individual named BRITT.

BWC members have been meeting with various ministers and church groups in the Louisville area regarding plans for a proposed march in early April commemorating the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. According to BOB CUMMINS and MOSE RAPIER, these talks have not been going too well because ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who is very anti-church, has alienated some of the church people and causes difficulty with respect to the planning of the march.

The BWC is now holding its drug classes for black youths on Tuesday nights rather than Monday nights. These classes are led by VANITA TINKER and DOROTHY ROBERTS. These classes have not been very well attended because the black children in the neighborhood do not respond very well to VANITA TINKER.

The BWC has decided it will start a Women's Auxiliary. The original idea for the Women's Auxiliary belonged to DOROTHY ROBERTS. Despite this fact, DOROTHY ROBERTS will not head the Auxiliary, although she will participate in it. VANITA TINKER has been named the head of the Women's Auxiliary.

The BWC hopes to hold the first meeting for the Women's Auxiliary sometime within the next two weeks. It is undecided if they will meet at the BWC Office or at LEO LESSER's church.

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The BWC has decided it will support and campaign for ROBBIE CHILDRESS, a negro female who is running for alderman in the City of Louisville.

The BWC has decided it will publish a newspaper and RON SLAUGHTER has been put in charge of this venture. SLAUGHTER

has already begun work on the paper, although he has no as yet speculated when the paper will be out. The paper will probably be printed at Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), inasmuch as a light skinned Negro who is associated with SCEF has been working on the newspaper with SLAUGHTER. This individual is described as a Negro male, approximately 20 years old, having long hair and very light skin.

LEONARD ROBERTS has not been by the BWC office much lately because it was recently discovered by BWC members that LEONARD ROBERTS was taking money from the BWC and claiming he was paying bills, but in fact, he was using the money for his personal use.

The BWC is currently using its office to distribute clothes to needy black families. These clothes are clothes that were left over from a recent rummage sale held by the BWC.

An individual from the Gas and Electric Company has filed a grievance with the BWC. This individual claims he was fired by the Gas and Electric Company for no reason after having been employed with that company for ten years. The BWC accepted this individual's grievance and will probably take up his cause.

Despite the fact that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS remains as the leader of the BWC, MOSE RAPIER and BOB CUMMINGS are doing most of the work and making most of the decisions.

BOB CUMMINGS, along with VANITA TINKER and RON SLAUGHTER, is at the office almost every day. It is still not known how BOB CUMMINGS manages to be at the office almost every day during the daytime hours, inasmuch as he is employed full time at the Louisville Water Company.

The BWC's financial situation is in as good a shape as it ever has been. As a result of the raffle recently held by the BWC, the BWC netted a profit of approximately \$900.00. In addition to this money, the BWC has been in receipt of several checks representing donations to the BWC's newly formed drug program.

The BWC has had no contact with the International Black Workers Conference (IBWC).

LOUIS JENNINGS and ORVILLE GERTON have not been by the

BWC Office at all.

A Nation of Islam (NOI) member has been stopping by the BWC Office almost daily recently and rapping with RON SLAUGHTER and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. Approximately two months ago there had been some talk by BWC members that the BWC and the NOI should join forces and work to improve the black community. This idea was rejected by most BWC members, and despite the fact that this NOI member now is at the BWC Office almost daily, prospects do not look good for the BWC and the NOI forming any type of coalition.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 15, 1973

There has been very little activity by the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) since Christmas. The BWC continues to hold its regularly scheduled meeting every Sunday afternoon, and these meetings are well attended. Usually these are attended by approximately fifty people.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' wife DOROTHY ROBERTS has reinstituted the BWC's anti-drug program. As in the past, the anti-drug meetings will be held every Monday evening, and she will show films regarding drug abuse at these meetings and afterwards have a discussion concerning the drug problem in the black community. To date, DOROTHY ROBERTS has conducted two such anti-drug meetings, first being on January 1 and the second one last Monday (January 8, 1973).

The BWC held a rummage sale at its office on January 6, 1973. At the sale, the BWC sold various pieces of clothing which had been collected by BWC members. The sale was a success, and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS stated that he wants to hold more rummage sales in the future.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER had an argument concerning the idea of a rummage sale. RAPIER contended that rather than sell clothes to people in the black community, the BWC should be giving the clothes away to needy families. ROBERTS disagreed with RAPIER and the BWC apparently will continue to sell clothing for a profit from its office space.

Most of the clothes for the rummage sale were collected by RON SLAUGHTER and a young Negro female named GLORIA (Last Name Unknown) and a friend of GLORIA whose name is not known. These three individuals used GLORIA's friend's car (a young Negro male) in order to collect the clothes.

For the last several weeks, BOB CUMMINGS, RON SLAUGHTER and GLORIA (LNU) have been at the BWC Office during the day. VANITA TINKER has not been at the BWC Office during the day as much as she had been in the past.

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With regard to BOB CUMMINGS, he is employed at the Louisville Water Company and in the past, due to this employment, has been unable to be at the BWC Office during the day. It is not known why CUMMINGS has been able to be at the BWC Office during the day for the past several weeks.

The weekend of January 5 through January 7, 1973, WOODROW ROBERTS, according to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, travelled to Alabama and met with individuals associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). WOODROW ROBERTS has returned from this trip and was scheduled to brief other BWC members on what happened on this trip at the BWC meeting on January 14, 1973. For some reason, however, WOODROW ROBERTS did not make this report and it is not known what transpired on this trip.

A Negro female named ROBBIE CHILDRESS has been by the BWC Office quite a bit lately seeking BWC support. *Childs*
ROBBIE CHILDRESS is running for alderman, and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has indicated that the BWC will probably support her candidacy.

ROBERTS has also indicated that the BWC will support the Reverend LEO LESSER with regard to his candidacy for Mayor of Louisville.

RON SLAUGHTER is running for the position of committeeman for the California Area Committee. The BWC is supporting his candidacy also.

An individual named HODGE, associated with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), has been in contact with ROOSEVELT ROBERTS recently and has asked ROOSEVELT ROBERTS to support some of the programs

currently being sponsored by the NAACP.

ROBERTS declined to join forces with the NAACP because according to ROBERTS, the NAACP has never supported any of the programs sponsored by the BWC.

It is believed that the real reason that ROBERTS refused to allow the BWC to participate in a joint effort with the NAACP is due to the fact that ROBERTS bears some personal animosity towards HODGE. It is not known what the reasons are for this animosity, but it is obvious from the way that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS talks about HODGE that the animosity does exist.

With regard to the birthday of MARTIN LUTHER KING, the BWC does not plan any activity with the exception of showing a film at the BWC Office. The BWC had attempted to convince school children not to attend school in honor of KING's birthday, however, for the most part, the BWC was unsuccessful in this attempt and thus will confine its activities to merely showing a film.

The BWC has no specific plans regarding demonstrations or picketing in the near future. The BWC continues to accept grievances filed by black workers in the Louisville area. The latest grievance was filed by an individual who was dismissed from his employment at the Yellow Cab Company. According to this individual, he was fired because he wanted to wear a red cap, and the cab company would not allow him to do so.

The BWC still contemplates picketing the General Electric Company as well as the Philip Morris Company.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS spoke at the University of Louisville shortly after Christmas, and he received a check for an unknown amount at the BWC Office last week.

Neither LOUIS JENNINGS nor ORVILLE GERTON had been by the BWC Office and neither is active in the BWC.

CAROL THOMAS has been barred from the BWC Office by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. According to ROBERTS, the reason THOMAS

was barred was because it is ROBERTS' belief that THOMAS had been responsible for some of the information leaks from the BWC Office.

As a result of the raffle sponsored by the BWC, and also as a result of the rummage sale sponsored by the BWC, the BWC was able to pay its fuel bill in full and the office space is once more heated.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

On January 5, 1973, Detective JOHN KIRKWOOD,
Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky, was advised
of further information developed concerning the possibility of
 being involved in the theft of a 1973 Cougar.

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Louisville, Kentucky
January 4, 1973

BEN and JUDI SIMMONS returned to Louisville by Greyhound Bus on Tuesday evening. They did not tell anyone in the party that they had returned until Wednesday when they called the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and stated that they were tired and had quite a few things to straighten out and, therefore, would not come by SCEF until Thursday.

CAROLLE MORRIS is now working at SCEF, in addition to working at Cinema West. MORRIS is working in the SCEF office filing contribution cards and doing much of the work that TERESA BRIDGES normally does. BRIDGES has not been at SCEF since Christmas time, and she had voiced her unhappiness with the working conditions at SCEF and there is a possibility that she may have quit her job and that CAROLLE MORRIS, at least temporarily, may have taken BRIDGES' place.

MORRIS does a lot of work with a black girl named VIRGINIA, who also works at SCEF part time. When not working at SCEF, VIRGINIA works at a hospital in Louisville. VIRGINIA drives a green 1969 Oldsmobile with the word "JUNE" written on it.

On Wednesday, G.T. ALEXANDER and DARRYL BLAKEMORE's mother went to Jeffersonville, Indiana, to visit DARRYL BLAKEMORE. However, officials at the jail would not allow them to visit with BLAKEMORE. G.T. ALEXANDER used his brother's car, a 1971 beige Volkswagen, to make the trip, inasmuch as his Volkswagen is still not in running condition.

LARRY TAYLOR came by SCEF. He stated that his father got him out of jail on Sunday. He claims that he has rented an apartment somewhere and that his father is paying one-half of the rent for him. Party members do not believe that TAYLOR has obtained an apartment. They think TAYLOR is putting on a show because he resents the fact that G.T. ALEXANDER and RICK OLIVER kicked him out of their apartment.

[] mentioned the fact that he and a couple of his friends had stolen a 1973 Cougar from a car lot located somewhere in Louisville, Kentucky. According to [] they stole this car on Thursday, December 28, 1972, or during

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the early morning hours of Friday, December 29, 1972. According to [] he did not get a chance to drive the car very much because he was arrested on that same Friday. [] stated that the car had been parked at 18th and Broadway, but apparently it was parked illegally because the police towed the car in on Tuesday night.

According to TAYLOR, when he was arrested he had on his person a hand weapon, and TAYLOR stated that, in fact, this hand weapon belongs to his father from whom TAYLOR had stolen it.

On Thursday, BEN and JUDI SIMMONS came by SCEF. They did not talk very much about their trip, saying that they mostly just visited with relatives. BEN SIMMONS stated that on the way down to Florida, he mailed one of the posters which were signed "Do Good" to Cinema West, HENRI WILLIAMS and to []. SIMMONS stated that he sent one of the posters to HENRI WILLIAMS because it is supposed to be a secret as to who is putting these posters out in order to scare the pushers. HENRI WILLIAMS, however, claims that he knows who, in fact, was responsible for putting these posters out and SIMMONS decided to send him the poster from out of town so as to confuse him.

SIMMONS stated that he sent one of the posters to [] because it is SIMMONS' belief that [] is, in fact, a pusher and is pushing drugs from his restaurant, and [] is also running girls. According to SIMMONS, [] is running for mayor of Tampa. []

but SIMMONS states that this is merely a front for own dealings with regard to trafficking in drugs.

SIMMONS stated that he did not get a chance to travel to Jacksonville, Florida, because time did not permit. SIMMONS did state, however, that he is still interested in travelling to Jacksonville and hopefully will accomplish this trip sometime late in January or early in February.

SIMMONS stated that now that he is back in Louisville, he wants the party to move more openly against the drug pushers in Louisville. SIMMONS scheduled a meeting tonight at 11:00 PM at G.T. ALEXANDER's apartment to discuss the possibility of stopping the showing of the movie, "Super Fly", at Cinema West

tomorrow evening and of BEN then getting up on the stage and talking to the audience with regard to the drug problem. SIMMONS stated that in the event it is decided that the party will make this move, he wants to obtain maximum publicity for his efforts.

SIMMONS also stated that he would like to have the party join with other groups in Louisville, such as the Black Workers Coalition, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), church groups, HENRI WILLIAMS' group, the Committee to Smash Repression and others in an effort to eradicate the drug problem.

Another idea SIMMONS has is that the party should jack up some of the junkies and pushers on the street by strong-arming them. SIMMONS believes that this is an effective way to deal with the drug problem.

According to HERB JONES, he has completed his printing of his newspaper, "The Prison Tribune." JONES states that the paper is twenty-four pages long and that it is all ready to go as soon as he staples the pages together. It is not known if the name of the paper will be "The Prison Tribune" or if it will be "UHURU", which is Swahili for freedom. JONES mentioned something to the effect that he may have changed the name from "The Prison Tribune" to "UHURU".

BEN SIMMONS has stated that he would like the party to resume regular meetings and scheduled the first of these meetings for 4:00 PM next Monday. One of the things SIMMONS would like to discuss at this meeting is the discipline of HERB JONES because HERB JONES was not supposed to use SCEF's facilities to print his newspaper, but, in fact, did so. In addition to this transgression, SIMMONS is also upset with HERB JONES because he recently observed a letter which LIZ (the attorney for Legal Aid) sent to Region Eight apologizing to Region Eight for the fact that party members missed a meeting with Region Eight. One of the things LIZ mentioned in this letter was the fact that the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) may be moving away from the national Black Panther Party (BPP), so that it can more easily deal with local problems. BEN was concerned with the fact that this was in a letter because this was one of the things that was discussed at a party meeting and BEN feels that HERB JONES may have leaked this to LIZ, and if this is the case, SIMMONS wants HERB JONES expelled from the party. SIMMONS stated that

he is going to talk to LIZ tomorrow in an attempt to find out if JONES, in fact, leaked this information to her.

With regard to the party's disassociating itself from the national BPP, this was, in fact, discussed at one of the meetings but was rejected by party membership.

The free breakfast program is still being run by the party, and RICK OLIVER and HERB JONES are mainly responsible for it. OLIVER has not, as yet, contacted anyone from Spalding College as he had stated he was going to do.

TY MEREDITH from WKLO called SCEF and requested that G.T. ALEXANDER and BRUCE CONWAY meet with him tomorrow at 10:00 AM to discuss the party's proposal to Region Eight regarding its detoxification center. ALEXANDER and CONWAY agreed to meet with MEREDITH.

HERB JONES appeared on a local television show on Wednesday morning. He did not tell anybody in the party that he was going to make this appearance, and JOHN STARKS found out about it after the program had been aired. STARKS told G.T. ALEXANDER and BRUCE CONWAY about it, and ALEXANDER was extremely upset because HERB JONES was no longer an official within the KBPP but is merely a community worker and had no authority to make this appearance. The fact that JONES did so will be brought up at Monday's party meeting, and will probably result in JONES' being disciplined or expelled from the party.

As yet, BEN SIMMONS has not scheduled any meetings for the Kentucky Political Prisoners Committee (KPPC) but has stated that he would like the KPPC to begin holding regular meetings in the near future.

Before BEN SIMMONS left on his trip to Florida he apparently put out a news release regarding the party's program against drugs in Louisville. A reporter from the "Louisville Times" stopped by SCEF today, by the name of WILLIAM BOOGLE. He had a rough draft of an article which he wanted BEN SIMMONS to read so that BEN SIMMONS could approve it before it was printed in the "Louisville Times."

SIMMONS has not made any further mention of the International Prisoners Solidarity Committee (IPSC).

SIMMONS has stated that he hopes to return to the St. Petersburg, Florida area sometime late in January or early February in order to make a move on an individual named [redacted] (phonetic). SIMMONS stated that he has information that [redacted] is a pusher in the St. Petersburg area and SIMMONS will move on this individual along with a couple of his friends in the St. Petersburg area. It is SIMMONS' hope that [redacted] will be blamed for making this move on [redacted], and as a result, the pushers will come down on [redacted].

BERNICE JONES called BEN SIMMONS last night. She called merely to find out how BEN's trip to Florida had gone. During the course of the conversation she stated that GERONIMO is in New York but is staying away from the party. She stated that GERONIMO has a job and very seldom, if ever, comes by the party office.

Christmas Spirit**Needy Family Of 10 Cheered
By Civic Group**By Meryl Thornton
~~Defender Staff Writer~~

The Les Jeunes Filles Social Club, all of whom are members of the Black Workers Coalition, helped a

needy family to have a merrier Christmas last Saturday by donating over \$100 worth of food and toys to

Ms. Jean Smith and her ten children.

In the past, the club conducted this project once a month, but discontinued it because of the lack of names of underprivileged families in the Louisville area. Through the Black Workers Coalition, Les Jeunes Filles were able to start the project again.

Any needy family seeking help may contact the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 W. Oak.

According to a press release, it is hoped that "this show of good will, will inspire other civic groups to open their hearts and cupboards to the poor and hungry of our community."

Aid is provided to one

family each month. Of the number of families on the list, the Smiths had the greatest immediate needs. The selection criteria includes unemployment, large household, major crisis, handicap and disabled persons.

Ms. Jean Smith, of the Park-Hill area, is thirty-five years old and the mother of ten children, ranging in age from six months to twenty years, nine of whom live at home. There is no adult male figure in the household. Seven of the children attend school.

Ms. Smith said of the Les Jeunes Filles' donations, "It really helps out, because I don't have a job."

Ms. Smith who holds a GED certificate and has had three months of business school, would like to be a neighborhood worker.

She added, "I have been worried about what the children would get for Christmas." Ms. Smith also stated that she did not expect to receive very much from the club, and was overwhelmed by the tremendous gifts. The

donations included two barrels and several bags of groceries and a box of games and toys.

According to Ms. Smith, her family is in need of school clothes, beds, and mattresses at the present time.

According to Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition, "We are trying to turn the social part of the community into a positive area of the struggle for the liberation of Black people."

He further stated that "the funds Black social clubs spend each year for dances, parties, and other negative social activities can be used in more constructive ways by helping the poor in the Black community with some of their basic needs..."

The members of Les Jeunes Filles, which is French for "young women," include Bertha Tharpe, Mattie Jones, Sharon Elmore, Leslie Gray, Leona Petty, Hattie Valentine, Frances Proctor, Betty Martin, Gloria Sharp, Donna Beasley, Margaret Jenkins, and Eleanor Riley.

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Louisville is conducting no further investigation pending review by United States Department of Justice.

Louisville will submit FD-436.

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As reflected in referenced Louisville LHM dated 12/15/72, information regarding the bomb threat was received by the Louisville Office on 12/9/72 at approximately 2:45 PM.

At 5:30 PM, on 12/9/72, this information was furnished to IMELBA I. THOMAS, United States Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky.

On the same date, at approximately 5:45 PM, Detective JOE OLSON, Criminal Investigations Division, Louisville Police Department, was advised.

At approximately 6:15 PM on the same date, Agent FRANK GUERNSEY, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Louisville, Kentucky, confirmed the fact that he had been advised of the bomb threat by A.J. BESENDORF, Security Manager for the South Central Bell Telephone Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

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SA BARTLEY J. GORI

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THREAT TO BOMB TELEPHONE FACILITIES,
IN WEST END OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY,
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Character:

BOMB THREATS

Synopsis:

On 12/9/72, A.J. BESENDORF, South Central Bell Telephone Company, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that PAUL D. McANDLESS, Vice President and General Manager of South Central Bell, had received a telephone call on 12/9/72 from an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED] of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, Kentucky. [REDACTED] complained of poor service and during the course of the conversation, threatened to bomb the facilities of the telephone company. McANDLESS interviewed and confirmed information furnished by BESENDORF. [REDACTED] interviewed and admits making telephone call to McANDLESS but denies bomb threat made. [REDACTED] furnished names of two individuals who witnessed call. Witnesses interviewed and state [REDACTED] did not make bomb threat.

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DETAILS:

This investigation is predicated upon information furnished on December 9, 1972, by A.J. BESENDORF, Security Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company, 534 Armory Place, Louisville, Kentucky, who advised that on December 9, 1972, PAUL D. McANDLESS, Vice President and General Manager of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, Louisville, Kentucky, had received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself to McANDLESS as [redacted] of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, Kentucky. This individual berated McANDLESS on the failure of the telephone company to repair his home telephone and during the course of their conversation, threatened to bomb the facilities of the telephone company.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 1, 1972, that the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is a local affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and is devoted to helping blacks attain equal opportunities and equal treatment in local industries.

On November 1, 1972, source advised that [redacted] [redacted] had been named Treasurer of the Black Workers Coalition.

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Mrs. JUSTINA JOHNSON, who is employed as a Repair Clerk at the Central West Repair Station of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, 627 South 26th Street, and whose home address is 2609 Oregon, advised as follows:

On December 9, 1972, while at work, she received a telephone call at approximately 8:30 AM from an individual who identified himself as [redacted], Louisville, Kentucky, telephone number [redacted]. This individual complained that his telephone was out of order and wanted to know why his telephone had not been repaired. She described [redacted] as being upset, but he did not use any profanity. [redacted] told her that he was a member of some group in Louisville, Kentucky, and that because of the poor service the telephone company was rendering to the people in the West End of Louisville, that he and his group were going to picket the telephone company.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that she attempted to explain to [redacted] that the telephone company was experiencing difficulty with their cables due to the heavy rain over the past few days. [redacted] however, insisted that he wanted his telephone repaired within the next thirty minutes.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that she could hear people in the background while [redacted] was talking. This call lasted for approximately ten minutes.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that she received a second telephone call from the same individual, who again identified himself as [redacted] sometime after her lunch period. She estimates that she received this telephone call sometime between 1:00 and 2:30 PM. [redacted] again complained about the poor service and stated that he wanted to talk to the top man at the telephone company. Mrs. JOHNSON gave [redacted] the name of PAUL D. McANDLESS, who is Vice President and General Manager of the South Central Bell Telephone Company.

Mrs. JOHNSON stated that she has no way of knowing if the individual to whom she spoke was, in fact, [redacted]

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as she does not know [REDACTED] and to her knowledge, had never spoken to him before. She would estimate from listening to the voice, that the individual to whom she spoke was black and approximately thirty-two years old.

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PAUL D. McANDLESS, Vice President and General Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company, 521 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, advised as follows:

On Saturday, December 9, 1972, between 2:00 and 2:30 PM, he received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself to McANDLESS as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] told McANDLESS that he was employed at the Ford Motor Company and was a member of the Black Workers Coalition in Louisville, Kentucky. [REDACTED] asked McANDLESS if he was the top man in the telephone company, and McANDLESS told [REDACTED] that he (McANDLESS) was a Vice President.

[REDACTED] then told McANDLESS that his telephone had been out of order and that the telephone company had failed to repair his telephone, and [REDACTED] wanted McANDLESS to personally fix his telephone immediately. [REDACTED] told McANDLESS that unless his telephone was fixed immediately, the Black Workers Coalition would picket the telephone company.

[REDACTED] became excited and at one point in the conversation said to McANDLESS, "Listen you honky, if you can't fix our telephones, no one else will have any service in the West End because we are going to blow you up," or words to that effect.

McANDLESS stated that he does not know an individual named [REDACTED] and has no way of knowing whether or not the individual to whom he spoke on the phone was, in fact, [REDACTED]

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[redacted] was advised of the official identities of the Interviewing Agents, the purpose of the interview, and was advised of his rights, as they appear on the form, "Interrogation-Advice of Rights." [redacted] stated that he understood his rights and was willing to be interviewed. He then executed a warning and waiver of rights form. He thereafter provided the following:

He resides at [redacted]

[redacted] He is employed at the Ford Kentucky Truck Plant as an assembler. He is a member of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) [redacted].

On Saturday, December 9, 1972, between 1:30 and 3:00 PM, he made a telephone call to the telephone company and spoke to a woman from whom he obtained the name of a Vice President of the telephone company. [redacted] explained that he wanted to talk to someone in charge of the telephone company because his telephone had been out of order for four days, and he had made numerous telephone calls to the telephone company complaining about the poor service he was receiving and had obtained no results.

After obtaining the name of the Vice President (whose name he cannot recall), he called this individual and attempted to explain to him that he was having difficulty with his telephone. After about one minute this individual hung up on [redacted].

[redacted] then called him back, and this individual explained to [redacted] that the reason he had hung up on [redacted] was so that he could check into this situation relative to [redacted] difficulty with his telephone. [redacted] spoke to this individual on this occasion for approximately ten minutes.

[redacted] explained that he made these telephone calls from his brother's home. His brother is [redacted]

[redacted] stated that his brother, [redacted] and a friend named [redacted] were both present when he made these calls.

While [redacted] was talking to the Vice President of the telephone company on the second occasion, [redacted] in the background, called this individual a "honky". This individual

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then wanted to know who had called him a "honky" and when [] refused to tell him, he became rather angry. [] then said to this individual that if he was going to act in this manner, that, in fact, he must be a "honky." After [] made this statement, an argument ensued.

[] told this individual that if the telephone company could not provide better service to the West End of Louisville, that he, along with other members of the Black Workers Coalition, would picket the telephone company. At no time did he make a bomb threat. [] stated that at no time did he say anything to this individual which could be construed as a bomb threat, and he had no idea how this individual could have come to the conclusion that [] had any intention of bombing the telephone company.

[] stated that neither did [] nor [] make any statements that could be construed as a bomb threat, and at no time did they, in fact, make a bomb threat.

[] stated further that under no circumstances would he say anything which could be interpreted as being violent because he believes in non-violence. He explained that he is a member and Treasurer of the Black Workers Coalition, and the Black Workers Coalition is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and that both organizations are definitely non-violent. [] wished to state that [] is also a non-violent person and is also a member of the Black Workers Coalition. [] stated that until recently, [] was [] of the Black Workers Coalition.

From observation and interview, [] is described as follows:

Name	[]
Race	Negro
Sex	Male
Height	5'8½"
Weight	152 pounds
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Black
Date of Birth	June 25, 1937
Place of Birth	Jackson, Tennessee

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Education

Four and one-half years of
high school (did not graduate)

Wife

Children

Admitted Arrests


Louisville Police Department,
1969, on charge of being drunk.

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[redacted] no telephone,
advised as follows:

On Saturday, December 9, 1972, he was with [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted], who had been having difficulty with the telephone at his home, called the telephone company, somewhere around 1:00 PM. He spoke to a girl and complained about the service and asked the girl for the name of a high official within the telephone company, so that he could talk to that official. The girl gave [redacted] the name of a high official, which name [redacted] cannot recall.

Shortly after obtaining the name of this individual, [redacted] called him and spoke with this individual for a brief time, complaining about the poor telephone service. This individual apparently hung up on [redacted] and [redacted] called him back almost immediately.

During the second conversation with this individual, someone mentioned the word "honky" and apparently this individual heard it and became upset. [redacted] then became upset and angry and they got into an argument. [redacted] then threatened this individual that the Black Workers Coalition, in which [redacted] is a member, would picket the telephone company if the telephone company did not provide better service in the West End of Louisville.

[redacted] did not threaten to blow up the telephone company nor did he make any type of bomb threat. [redacted] did not say anything that could be construed as a bomb threat. Neither [redacted] nor [redacted] made any statement in the background which could have been construed as a bomb threat.

[redacted] stated that he [redacted] is also a member of the Black Workers Coalition. He explained that the Black Workers Coalition is affiliated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and is a non-violent organization. He does not believe

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in violence, and he knows that [redacted] does not believe in violence and he is positive [redacted] would never threaten to bomb any person or business.

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[redacted] advised as follows:

On Saturday, December 9, 1972, he was at his home along with his brother, [redacted], and a friend, [redacted]

[redacted] had been having trouble with the telephone at his home, and he called the telephone company and spoke with a girl at the telephone company about getting his telephone repaired. This girl gave him the name of a high ranking official within the telephone company, and [redacted] called this individual. FRANK COX estimated this call was made sometime around 2:00 PM.

[redacted] spoke with the telephone company official for a short time, when apparently the official hung up on [redacted]

[redacted] then called this individual back and asked him why he had hung up on him, and the individual told [redacted] that he had not hung up on him but that he had merely made another telephone call in an attempt to get [redacted] telephone fixed.

During the course of this conversation, the telephone official apparently called [redacted] "buddy", and this made [redacted] mad. [redacted] then raised his voice and the discussion became somewhat heated. [redacted] told [redacted] to just tell the "honky" that he wanted his telephone fixed, or words to that effect, and apparently the official heard [redacted] say this and became upset and he and [redacted] then began to argue.

At this point, [redacted] told this individual that he [redacted] was with the Black Workers Coalition, and that unless telephone service improved in the West End of Louisville that the Black Workers Coalition would picket the telephone company.

[redacted] did not make any type of bomb threat to this individual.

On 12/19/72 at Louisville, Kentucky File # LS 174-625

SA's BARTLEY J. GORI/BJG/pjs
by PETER G. KNESE

Date dictated 12/20/72

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Neither [] nor [] made any statement which could have been construed as a bomb threat.

After [] told the individual that the Black Workers Coalition would picket the telephone company, [] told [] to hang up because [] was afraid that the telephone company official might have some legal recourse as a result of that statement.

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REMARKS BY SIRI HY GHANDI AT UL, 11/20/72.

FOOD DONATIONS BY NEEDY BY BWC on 11/22/72

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Regarding the remarks in instant report, reportedly made by SIRI HY GHANDI at the University of Louisville, on 11/20/72, source advised he was not personally present at this event, however, WLKY newscaster, BOB McDONALD, who knows GHANDI, was present and taped the remarks she made. The source was able to obtain this tape and give it to SA WARREN L. WALSH. It is filed in the 1-A Section of LS 157-1378.

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Louisville, Kentucky
November 22, 1972

A memorial service in honor of the two recently slain black students on the Southern University campus, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was held in the Lincoln Room at the University of Louisville, and lasted about 45 minutes. It appeared there were approximately 100 persons in attendance both black and white. Several individuals spoke, only one of whom was known, namely SIRI HY GHANDI, GHANDI made the following remarks:

"What happened at Southern University can happen here. The University must step to the tunes of the beat of the drums. This is what is happening at Southern University--well at Southern University they are not stepping to the beat of the drums. They are out of tune with reality and out of tune with the times. We have a senile present--even here we have a senile president, who stikes every day at black folks, who makes black folks shed tears and sorrow in their....., causes black folks to walk with their heads down because its the white university--whether its at Southern or at the University of Louisville. What happened to black students there can happen here, unless black folks pick up their gun and shoot white folks, yes, shoot, because we have been shot for 400 years; we have been devoured for 400 years. Yes, we are said, wait nigger, will you wait, please wait. For 400 years we have been waiting. For 400 years the gun, the sound, a mere sound of a gun.....but yet we still stand waiting--wait. It's time for black folks to stop waiting. It is time for the University and other universities all over this land to step to the beat of the drums. Step to the beat of modern youthism. A youthism that says we will not want any longer white man, we're tired of waiting, we're tired of taking your jazz, we're tired of saying wait, wait. We cannot wait any longer black folks. We cannot afford to wait. MARTIN LUTHER KING, where is he today? He said wait for white folks. What did white folks do him? Violence only breeds violence. That is why I say like Malcolm. I do not want white folks. I'll shake hands with them if they want to shake hands, but if they

"don't and want to do something else I'll shake
 their head with a gun. Right on. With a gun we
 shall overcome. With a gun we shall gain information.
 With a gun we shall.....(not
 understandable), and burn this university down
 if we have to. With a gun we shall do that and
 if we shall die for the cause of freedom. If we
 got to die for the soul of freedom with those black
 brothers and sisters, the latest black brothers
 and sisters. These are the people who are righteous.
 Who can solve with the gun. Who can walk and not
 be weary. Who can walk and not faint. Who is not
 afraid to take the consequences, the white man
 dishes out because he can dish it out to you and
 fight you with all kinds of tactics. Well I say
 to you brothers and sisters, it is not wrong to
 use the gun. He.....
(not understandable), and
 I'm not sure that he want do it on this university.
 We cannot avoid the issue because sooner or later
 revolution is coming between blacks and whites.

(not understandable), revolution whenever
 these white people and black folks get together
 because white folks ain't always gonna break black
 folks that's in the community as well as those
 yaffels with the connections. As the white races
 of the enemy sift the numbers down ready to ply and
 kill. And we sit here and we say, brothers, white,
 white brothers. When I see white folks tell me
 to be quiet, I'm gonna talk to you I tell them go
 to their neighborhood and talk. Goto their
 neighborhood. Don't call me racist because I
 want have racist by imitation cause black folks
 can see that black folks stay with black folks
 and that white folks stay with white folks. Then
 revolution--then liberation will come but only
 when we get back in out homes, not white folks.
 What happened on Southern is something of sorrow.
 It makes a difference...happen here. All these
 white rules around here--its gonna happen--its
 gonna happen at Ky. Southern, its gonna happen
 at Ursuline, its gonna happen at the University
 of Kentucky at the racist Baptist Seminary, who

still.....(not understandable),
yes, it's gonna happen and then this university
will be moaning and groaning in the style of a
broken black hope engineered by white folks,
moaning and groaning for two dead brothers who
else would for one of them.....
(not understandable). We'll go back to our
desks, we'll go back to our dormitories and say
this is the night before out.....(not understandable).
But what are we gonna do about these black brothers
and sisters? What will we do individually? What
we will do as a.....(not understandable), group
taking over an administration building is beautiful.
That's beautiful. Kick that bastard way down the
stairs.....(not
understandable); till black folks can understand
that we must define our destiny. Until black
folks understand that we either use the bullet
or the ballot and if we can't use the ballot,
the gun is right there, and if somebody is got to
shed their blood and die and go to hell, then
the black folks let him die.....(not under-
standable), want the black folks to lead them. If
we got to burn a building down in order to burn
the hearts of blacks--to build the hearts of
black folks up let us burn a building down. If
we got to take over an administration building
in order to take over--to get black folks to see
what the man is doing. Then we take over an
administration building. If we have to march
and say we shall overcome--and honestly we did,
that in 1960 and we haven't overcome yet--we
haven't overcome yet--we are still trying, to
march to get a cup of coffee and yet some of us
are still going back in the suburbs and getting
the sugar--we don't need it no more white folks,
we don't need the sugar no more because what
you didn't give it you throw at us, we don't need
it no more. Shall we die? The times marching with
the beat of the times, march with the beat of the
drums. The drums is singing another song. I got
it, its singing of a song, a song of our freedom,
a song longing to be free, a song saying I'm
tired of getting chains on my hands and chains
on my feet, a song that's saying I'm tired of my
child being discriminated because he's black,

"because integration is not helping a song saying—
a song that only destiny.....
(not understandable). Remember Universities all
over this world, in these United States, must step
to the beat of the drums. The drums are beating
now. They are beating a different tune black
folks. They are beating, a different tune white
folks. Wake up, wake up.....wake up. The drums
are beating and until each of us can see the beat
of the drums and can march in tune with the drums
we will always be here moaning and groaning."

On the morning of November 22, 1972, BOB CUNNINGHAM,
of the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) of Louisville, telephonically
advised on the afternoon of November 22, 1972 at 3:00 PM, at
BWC headquarters, 23rd and Oak Streets, Louisville, the BWC was
going to give away for needy families for Thanksgiving 50
bags of groceries. CUNNINGHAM said these groceries had been
donated for this purpose by food stores such as Kroger,
Winn-Dixie, and Atlantic and Pacific.

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- 1 - 157-1329 (IBWC)
- 1 - 157-1503 (R. ROBERTS)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1505 (JENNINGS)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1620 (PRYOR)
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Louisville, Kentucky
December 15, 1972

On December 3, 1972, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) held a raffle. The prizes were: First prize - \$100.00; Second prize - \$50.00; and Third prize - \$25.00. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, the BWC realized almost \$900.00 from this raffle. Because it was so successful, ROBERTS has stated that soon after the first of the year, the BWC will hold another raffle.

There is still no heat at the BWC office, but despite this fact, RON SLAUGHTER and VANITA TINKER have been manning the office. In addition to these two individuals, an old girl friend of SLAUGHTER has also been helping out at the office. Source does not know her name, however, source describes her as a Negro female, approximately twenty-four years old, 5'7", thin build, medium complexion.

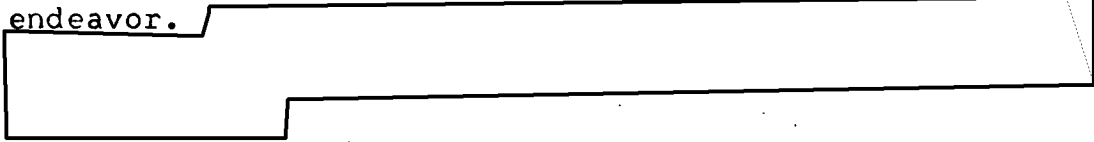
VANITA TINKER is now able to spend almost all of her time, at least during the days, at the BWC office

Recently, an attorney from the Lausman Oil Company in Louisville, Kentucky, contacted ROOSEVELT ROBERTS regarding the failure of the BWC to pay its oil bill. According to ROBERTS, the attorney threatened the BWC with legal action if they did not pay. ROBERTS stated that this is no longer a problem, however, because the day before yesterday he sent a check covering the amount owed by the BWC to the Lausman Oil Company. (Source believes that the BWC banks at Liberty.)

MOSCOE RAPIER has resigned as Vice Chairman of the BWC and has been replaced in that capacity by RON SLAUGHTER. The reason that RAPIER gave for resigning was that he is now working full time and can no longer contribute enough time to his duties as Vice Chairman with the BWC. According to source, however, the real reason that RAPIER resigned was due to the fact that he and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS have had several disagreements lately, and RAPIER is dissatisfied with the way ROBERTS is running the BWC.

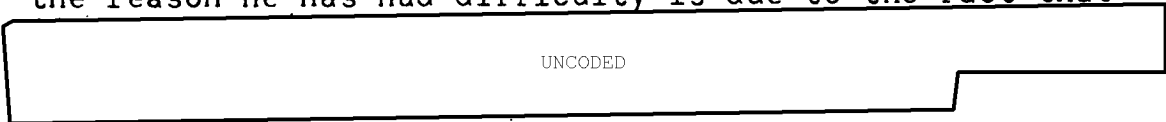
ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' wife has been talking about starting a drug program within the BWC. No definite plans

have been made with regard to this program as yet and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is not encouraging his wife in this endeavor.



There were no representatives from the BWC at a speech given by MARTIN LUTHER KING, SR., last night. In fact, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS did not know that KING was going to appear in Louisville to speak until Wednesday evening. KING was in town to give a speech in favor of the candidacy for mayor of Louisville of LEO LESSER. The BWC has indicated that it will probably support LESSER in his bid for the office of mayor.

CONNIE PRYOR is currently working at General Electric. At one time, she and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS were romantically involved. According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, he has had some difficulty attempting to organize black workers at General Electric recently and believes that the reason he has had difficulty is due to the fact that



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BWC Sunday meetings continue to be well attended. Despite this fact the BWC hopes to have even more people attend these meetings. In furtherance of this end, the BWC has sent letters to all of the individuals who received turkeys at Thanksgiving asking them to attend BWC meetings.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS claims to have spoken at a college in Louisville, Kentucky, recently and for this speech he received payment. ROBERTS did not indicate what college he spoke at nor how much he received for the engagement.

LEONARD ROBERTS is currently employed at Brown and Williamson and is attempting to set up an office which will facilitate employees at Brown and Williamson in filling out and providing complaints to the BWC.

Recently, an individual named JIMMY (Last Name Unknown) and his wife have been by the BWC and now form the clean-up committee for the BWC. Source described

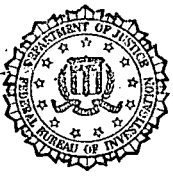
JIMMY (Last Name Unknown) as a Negro male in his late twenties, about 5'6", thin build, light complexion. Source described his wife as a Negro female in her mid-twenties, 5'3", medium build. Source believes that these individuals have twins less than two years old, and that the twins are a boy and a girl.

There have been no Muslims by the BWC office and there has been no further mention by ROOSEVELT ROBERTS of establishing any type of working relationship with the Muslims.

LOUIS JENNINGS has not been by the BWC for quite some time and there is no indication that he will renew his association with the BWC.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS continues to be concerned regarding the security of the office space at the BWC. ROBERTS is upset over the fact that the file concerning General Electric has been stolen from the BWC office, and ROBERTS suspects that someone is going to sell this file to the General Electric Company. In addition to the General Electric file, the key to the BWC's file cabinet is missing, and ROBERTS is worried that the same individual who stole the General Electric file stole the key and now has access to the BWC files whenever he or she desires.



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Louisville, Kentucky
December 15, 1972

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THREAT TO BOMB TELEPHONE
FACILITIES IN WEST END
OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
DECEMBER 9, 1972
BOMB THEATS

On December 9, 1972, A. J. Besendorf, Security Manager, South Central Bell Telephone Company, 534 Armory Place, Louisville, Kentucky, advised that at 2:45 PM on that date, Paul D. McAndless, Vice President and General Manager of the South Central Bell Telephone Company, 521 West Chestnut Street, Louisville, Kentucky, received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] This individual berated McAndless on the failure of the telephone company to repair his home telephone.

Because of heavy rains and flooding of cable vaults of the telephone company in the West End of Louisville, approximately three hundred telephones were out of service and were subject to emergency repairs. The telephone company had been receiving numerous telephone calls at its repair service in the West End of Louisville relative to this situation, with callers threatening to picket the telephone company. Many of the individuals calling identified themselves as being connected with the Black Workers Coalition.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on June 1, 1972, that the Black

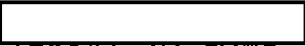
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- 7 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - U.S. Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky (RM)
 - 1 - Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms,
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 - ⑦ - Louisville
 - 2 - 174-625
 - 1 - 174-160
 - ① - 157-1219
 - 1 - 157-1621
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THREAT TO BOMB TELEPHONE
FACILITIES IN WEST END
OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
DECEMBER 9, 1972

Workers Coalition is a local affiliate of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and is devoted to helping blacks attain equal opportunities and equal treatment in local industries.

On November 1, 1972, source advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The individual who identified himself as [REDACTED] declared that he was connected with the "Black Coalition". Following a harangue to McAndless, relative to receiving satisfaction that his telephone would be back in service on that date, the individual stated in effect, "Listen you honkie--if you can't fix our telephones, no one else will have any service in the West End because we are going to blow you up."

McAndless felt that this was a threat to bomb facilities of the telephone company. McAndless advised that he did not know [REDACTED] and could not attest to the fact that this was the individual who was in contact with him and who made the bomb threat.

At 5:30 PM on December 9, 1972, the above information was furnished to Imelba I. Thomas, United States Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky.

At 5:45 PM on the same date, Detective Joe Olson, Criminal Investigations Division, Louisville Police Department, was apprised of the above information.

At approximately 6:15 PM on the same date, Agent Frank Guernsey, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Louisville, Kentucky, confirmed the fact that he had been advised of the aforementioned information by A. J. Besendorf.

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1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS)

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Louisville, Kentucky
December 1, 1972

On the Wednesday before Thanksgiving at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, the BWC distributed forty-three turkeys and assorted canned goods to needy families. The BWC obtained the turkeys from the local A & P, Kroger and Winn-Dixie Stores. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had desired that the BWC distribute more turkeys than this, however, he was not too disappointed inasmuch as the food distribution was covered by the local news media and resulted in favorable publicity for the BWC.

The BWC continues to have financial problems. The BWC has no money at the present time and cannot afford to pay the heating bill for its office space. Thus, the office is unheated and has been unheated for the past two weeks. Due to the inclement weather over the past week, the office space has been extremely cold, and nobody has been at the office for this reason.

BWC members have been talking about demonstrating at the General Electric Plant in Louisville. It is the BWC's belief that General Electric has unjustly fired several blacks, and that General Electric is discriminatory in its hiring practices.

Recently the BWC obtained a large quantity of bumper stickers. These bumper stickers read as follows:

"BWC AFFILIATE OF SCLC, SAYS DON'T BUY GE AND ENRO PRODUCTS."

BWC members have talked about travelling to the General Electric Plant and walking through the parking lot and pasting these bumper stickers on the cars parked in the General Electric parking lot.

On Tuesday, November 28, 1972, RON SLAUGHTER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, MOSE RAPIER, VANITA TINKER and JAMES CHANDLER attended a meeting at the California Center regarding Louisville Police Detective, CHICO BORDEN. The BWC maintains that CHICO is guilty of brutalizing the black community, and they are demanding that he be fired. The BWC has distributed a petition demanding that BORDEN be fired and when they get enough signatures on the petition, they will present it to officials at the Louisville Police Department.

The BWC plans to hold a march commemorating the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, similar to the march they held last April 4. This year they plan to distribute some literature and write some letters to the school board and to various schools in the black community, in the hopes that students will be let off from school that day so that they could attend the march.

There have been no Nation of Islam (NOI) members at the BWC this past week, though source observed one or two of them near the BWC office. They probably would have gone into the office but did not due to the fact that the office was closed (as previously indicated the office was closed because it was too cold inside the office for anyone to accomplish any work).

The BWC's idea for establishing a women's auxiliary of the BWC has still not gotten off the ground. Source speculates that at this time, due to the dire financial straits of the organization, the BWC will not be able to launch a women's auxiliary program.

JOHNNY (Last Name Unknown), who was employed at the California Center, has not returned to the BWC, and source has heard no further talk regarding the photograph that he had delivered depicting an individual who was injured and who claimed that he had been beaten up by the police. Apparently the BWC has dropped this matter.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

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Memorandum

TO : SAC

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FROM : SA

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☐ STATISTIC

On 10/19/72 source advised he has not yet identified the female associate Roosevelt Roberts.
On 11/17/72 source stated that the black beauty keeping company with Roberts is [redacted]

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Has informant shown any indication of emotional instability, unreliability or furnishing false information? *no*

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Source provided a copy of a poster entitled, "Wanted", which in essence accuses a narcotics detective known as "CHICO" BOYD of brutality and harassment of people in the black community. The BWC has been distributing this leaflet.

A copy of this leaflet is attached to a copy of this report designated for 157-1219.

The "CHICO" BOYD referred to in this leaflet is in actuality Detective C. BORDEN, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky. The Louisville Police Department is aware of the charges made by the BWC against Detective BORDEN and are in possession of this leaflet.

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COVER PAGE

Louisville, Kentucky
November 20, 1972

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) is expecting some individuals associated with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) to arrive from Atlanta, Georgia, in Louisville, Kentucky, on either November 23 or November 24, 1972. They are scheduled to arrive in Louisville and to offer advice on how best to pressure both the City of Louisville and the public transit company in Louisville in refraining from discontinuing the public bus service. The BWC plans to take up this cause.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has been attempting to contact officials associated with the A and P and the Winn-Dixie Companies with regard to the BWC's Thanksgiving food collection program. Thus far, he has been unsuccessful in his attempts. It is source's opinion that the Thanksgiving Day food program has been highly disorganized and source predicted that it would be a complete failure.

The BWC continues to have financial difficulties. JIMMY COX, who took over as treasurer from RON SLAUGHTER, is having a great deal of difficulty in attempting to figure out what exactly RON SLAUGHTER did with the money.

By way of illustrating the financial problems of the BWC, source noted that recently the BWC's telephone service was discontinued for four or five days until the BWC was able to come up with enough money to have it restored.

At BWC meetings, the talk still centers around picketing Philip Morris, International Harvester, Brown and Williamson and Ford. However, no definite plans have been made to conduct this picketing. In addition to talk of picketing, the BWC has talked quite a bit about alleged police brutality within the black community. Recently, an individual known to source only as JOHNNY (Last Name Unknown), who was employed at the California Center in Louisville, brought some pictures to the BWC Office, depicting an individual who was, according to JOHNNY (Last Name Unknown), badly beaten by members of the Louisville Police Department. The BWC plans to take action on these allegations.

The BWC recently has spoken quite a bit concerning an individual named "CHICO", who is a narcotics officer with the Louisville Police Department and who is supposed to have

"vamped on" many members of the black community.

On Saturday, November 18, 1972, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS participated in a drug workshop at the California Community Center, and at that time, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS publicly accused "CHICO" of brutality.

Recently, the BWC had some posters made up by the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), charging "CHICO" with brutality and harassment of the black community.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS continues to be worried concerning leaks of information from the BWC Office. He recently devised a plan whereby he is going to give certain information to only certain people and then once the information is leaked, he will be able to trace what information was leaked by whom.

At the last several meetings of the BWC, an individual from the Nation of Islam (NOI) has spoken. He is described as a Negro male, tall, slender, dark complexion, about twenty-four years of age, very neatly dressed. On each occasion that he has spoken, he has invited people at the meeting to attend NOI functions and to join the NOI. This individual is extremely anti-white in his speech.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has expressed an interest in gaining more information regarding the NOI and of perhaps joining the NOI in some programs which would be beneficial to the black community. However, MOSCOE RAPIER has told ROBERTS that in the event the BWC aligns itself in any way with the NOI, he will quit the BWC. For some reason RAPIER is very much against the NOI.

The plan to establish a women's auxiliary for the BWC has not gotten off the ground. Source speculates that one major reason for the failure of same is due to the fact that ROOSEVELT ROBERTS does not want his wife hanging around the BWC Office [REDACTED]

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has attempted to get his brothers, LEONARD and WOODROW, interested in functioning within the BWC. He has succeeded to a certain extent inasmuch as they come by the office a great deal and do participate in BWC activities to some extent. However, in source's opinion, LEONARD and WOODROW ROBERTS do a minimum amount of work for the BWC and do a lot of talking regarding their work, especially at various bars in the black community, like Mr. Dee's Inferno. It is source's opinion that they use their involvement with the

BWC to attempt to hustle women by impressing them with their affiliation with the BWC.

There has been a great deal of rumbling by members of the BWC over the fact that some BWC members were reimbursed ten to fifteen dollars for expenses which they incurred in transporting individuals to polling places on election day. Some BWC members were reimbursed and others were not and no explanations were given as to this.

RON SLAUGHTER has not been by the BWC Office very much recently, and he appears to have lost interest in the organization.

SCEF has informed the BWC that it will not be able to do as much printing for the BWC as it has done in the past and has suggested that the BWC do their own printing.

Last Saturday, CHANDLER's wife died unexpectedly and today most of the BWC members are at her funeral.

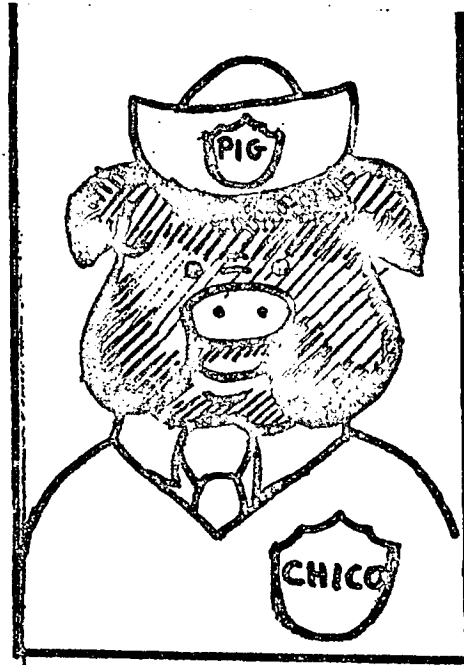
The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC) and both ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSCOE RAPIER contend that they will have nothing to do with the IBWC.

LOUIS JENNINGS occasionally stops by the BWC Office, but he is no longer a member of the BWC and does not participate in any of the BWC's activities.

GLADYS CHILDRESS has sold her home in Louisville. She plans to get married and after getting married she plans to move to somewhere in Ohio with her husband.

WANTED

BY THE BLACK COMMUNITY
FOR BRUTALITY AND HARASSMENT
C. "CHICO" BOYD



"CHICO"

ALIAS: CHICO (PIG)

AGE: 35

RACE: INHUMAN

EYES: SHIFTY

OCCUPATION: PIG

CRIMES AGAINST THE PEOPLE: BRUTALITY, HARASSMENT, ETC.....

WARNING: THIS MAN IS ARMED AND CONSIDERED VERY DANGEROUS TO THE WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE PEOPLE IS SADISTIC AND DEGRADING. HE MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

RALLY RALLY RALLY: TO RID THE COMMUNITY OF THIS PIG

TIME: 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY NIGHT—NOVEMBER 14

PLACE: CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CENTER

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Louisville, Kentucky
November 17, 1972

HERB JONES is attempting to set up a press conference for today. JONES wants to hold a press conference concerning the party's drug proposals and attacking Region Eight's Director JAMES BLAND.

BEN SIMMONS is supposed to make a telephone call to Norfolk, Virginia, on Sunday in order to make final arrangements for his upcoming trip to Norfolk.

SIMMONS has also talked about going to Wilmington, North Carolina, sometime in the future. SIMMONS' explanation as to why he will travel to Wilmington, North Carolina, was rather scrambled. As best source could decipher, SIMMONS will make the trip for or at least partially for the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF), and the trip will be related to an individual who was recently drafted by the United States Army.

Louisville, Kentucky
November 20, 1972

On Friday, November 17, 1972, HERB JONES and BRUCE CONWAY held a press conference at 3208 West Broadway. The conference lasted from approximately 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM. At the conference HERB JONES attacked the Region Eight drug program and especially its director, JAMES BLAND. He accused BLAND of being unqualified to hold his present position, of not devoting enough time to his work, and of showing favoritism. This conference was covered by both radio and television reporters.

On Friday, BEN SIMMONS called the Norfolk Black Panther Party (BPP) Chapter and spoke with an unidentified individual there. This individual told SIMMONS that it might be unwise for SIMMONS and his fellow Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members to travel to Newberry, South Carolina, because there are some individuals in the organization in Newberry, South Carolina, who are very antagonistic toward BPP members who might want to give advice to them. This individual expressed the fear that they are so antagonistic that perhaps they might become violent in the event that SIMMONS did make the trip to Newberry.

SIMMONS is now reconsidering making the trip to Newberry and stated that he may forego the Newberry trip and travel directly to Jacksonville, Florida, from Norfolk, Virginia, if time permits.

The plans were slightly altered inasmuch as rather than leaving at 6:00 AM on November 21, 1972, SIMMONS now plans to leave at 3:00 AM on that date, and hopes to arrive in Norfolk, Virginia, between 6:00 and 7:00 PM.

On Saturday, November 18, 1972, BEN SIMMONS attended a drug workshop at the California Community Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Also attending and speaking at this workshop was ROOSEVELT ROBERTS who represented the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). In addition to ROBERTS, an individual from the California Center and an individual from Stop Dope Now spoke at the workshop. Source stated that this workshop was highly unorganized, and not very informative. It lasted from approximately 1:00 PM until 3:30 PM. Most of the members on the panel criticized a narcotics detective named "CHICO", whom they accused of brutalizing the black community.

According to BEN SIMMONS, the party has made tentative arrangements to show a movie at Cinema West on Saturday, December 9, 1972, at 1:00 PM and at 3:00 PM. SIMMONS had attempted to acquire the film "The Death of FRED HAMPTON" or a similar type propaganda film to show at that time. However, it does not appear SIMMONS will be able to acquire such a film, and the party will probably show a commercial film. The admission to this film will be at least one can of food. The party plans to take the cans of food which it gets from this affair and plans to give the food away at Christmas time. HERB JONES is in charge of this program.

In addition to the collection of food, the party plans to start collecting clothing sometime next week and to distribute this clothing around Christmas time to needy families. BRUCE CONWAY is in charge of this program.

The party did not hold a meeting on Sunday, mostly because HERB JONES, G.T. ALEXANDER and DON ALEXANDER were not in town. They travelled to Lexington, Kentucky, to meet with some girls whom they had met at the Expo.

LARRY TAYLOR has missed quite a bit of school recently and apparently is in some difficulties with the school officials. TAYLOR plans to forge some document which will enable him to claim that he was ill and therefore unable to attend school. As previously reported, TAYLOR is attempting to get the school officials at Shawnee High School to play the "Black National Anthem" or at least what is considered to be the "Black National Anthem" at high school football and basketball games. The song which is considered to be the "Black National Anthem" is "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Blacks sponsor workshop

Some grievances aired during panel on drugs

By JAMES HERZOG

Courier-Journal Staff Writer

"You're covering up for someone," Roosevelt Roberts, head of the Black Workers Coalition, told the police officer. "We know policemen that deal with drugs."

"Anybody with information like that should come forward and tell the police," responded Lt. Morton O. Childress, head of the Louisville Police Department's Narcotics Bureau.

"You know if they told, they'd get their heads knocked in," said Roberts.

There were several similarly bitter exchanges yesterday during a panel discussion on drugs held at the California Community Center, 1600 W. St. Catherine. About 100 persons—mostly black—took part in the discussion that underscored tension between some blacks and police. On the panel were Roberts, Childress, Black Panther leader Benjamin Simmons and a black Louisville police detective, Curtis Borden.

The panel was part of a day-long workshop sponsored by blacks at the Kent School of Social Work of the University of Louisville.

One young black asked, "Why do you keep busting brothers for drawing on a pot stick when you got big pushers on the street?"

Childress replied, "We have arrested a number of people responsible for drugs coming into Louisville." But his words drew cries of disbelief.

A member of the audience stood and said, "I've lived in a lot of cities, and police are always getting payoffs for dope, gambling and prostitution. We have to speak out against these things."

Childress said, "We know not all police are what they should be." The bad and dishonest policemen are weeded out and fired, he said.

Borden said the major law enforcement problem in some parts of Western Louisville is that police are "useless and helpless unless you cooperate."

A member of the audience asked Borden

what he had done in his three and a half years on the police force to help other blacks.

"I'm a policeman," said Borden. "The major role of a policeman is enforcement."

The member of the audience repeated her question, and Borden said, "I've put quite a few pushers in jail."

Another member of the audience said, "Ending racism is the answer to ending the drug problem. Drugs are part of racism."

Several people charged that police have beaten up members of the black community during the making of arrests.

Childress responded that he condones using "only the force necessary to make an arrest . . . I don't go for anybody beating up anybody." He also said policemen are "changing, and changing for the better."

Borden, who was accused during the discussion of beating up people, said, "I've never beat up anyone . . . I got hit one time, and we had a little tussle."

The black policeman said that in a situation where he felt endangered he would follow the principle of "self-preservation."

The police were also asked whether they would approve of a Civilian Review Board that could handle complaints about police actions.

Childress said he wouldn't be opposed to such a board "if it worked other places," adding that if law enforcement were handled properly such a board wouldn't be necessary.

Borden said review boards "create problems" some places and declared that he doesn't know if it would be good to have one in Louisville.

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SA WARREN L. WALSH

BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)
EM

Re memo dated 10/18/72.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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October 18, 1972

Merle Brown, Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention Bureau
Arson Squad

Roosevelt Roberts
2810 West Kentucky

Moscoe Rapier
1728 St. Louis Avenue

Sir:

On September 25, 1972, the undersigned continued the investigation as related to the burning of black churches in the city's west end. In doing so, it was determined by Captain William Foushee and the undersigned that a criminal records check should be conducted, concerning four individuals who are known members of the Black Workers Coalition, with headquarters at 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Ky. These four individuals came to our attention as a result of interviews conducted with officials of Brown-Forman Distillers, 850 Dixie Highway, Summers-Herrmann Ford, 901 South Third Street, and numerous other downtown business establishments who have had recent contact with this organization in the form of solicitation of funds, black workers' grievances, and public picketing of their business establishments. (See letters concerning Brown-Forman Distillers and Summers-Herrman Ford).

Two of the four individuals are named below:

Roosevelt Roberts, c/m/32
3502 Navanac, Apt. #1 or 3321 Southern Avenue

The undersigned has the investigation with the Department of Motor Vehicle Registration. Moscoe Thomas Rapier, Jr., c/m/32, 1728 St. Louis Avenue

(See attached criminal records on these two individuals).

After obtaining the criminal records check, an investigation was conducted by the undersigned concerning vehicles registered to these two individuals. Roosevelt Roberts has the following vehicles registered under his name with the Department of Motor Vehicle Registration:

1. A 1961 Chevrolet station wagon, license #M24-181, Ky. 1972. (No lien).
2. A 1969 Buick, 4 door sedan, white over black, license #37-148, Ky. 1972. Financed by Time Finance Company 574 So. 4th Street.
3. A 1967 Chevrolet sedan coupe, license #K83-048, Ky. 1972. Financed by Fern Valley Credit Union, 705 Grade Lane.
4. A 1965 Ford sedan, 4 door, license #K83-049, Ky. 1972. Financed by Monarch Auto Company, Inc., 200 East Broadway.

All of these registrations are in an active status. The finance companies listed on official records as holding a lien against three of the cars were contacted personally by the undersigned, and it was determined that all liens had been paid off against these cars by cash payments shortly after their purchase.

As determined by this investigation, the following is an up-to-date list of the Black Workers Coalition organizational structure:

CHAIRMAN

Roosevelt Roberts
2810 West Kentucky

CO-CHAIRMAN

Moscoe Rapier
1728 St. Louis Avenue

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Gladys Childress
1337 So. 32nd St.

POLITICAL ACTION CHAIRMAN

- Woodrow Roberts
2305 Algonquin Parkway, Apt. #1

RECORDING SECRETARY

- Connie M. Pryor
1642 So. 32nd Street

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

- Jimmy Cox
Address unknown

TREASURER

- Ronald Gregory Slaughter, c/m/26
671 Curry Court

SERGEANT AT ARMS

- William E. Britt, Sr.
1705 Chester Road, Shively, Ky., or
1665 Anderson St., Louisville, Ky.

The undersigned continued the investigation with the Department of Motor Vehicle Registration and found that the individuals named below have vehicles registered as indicated below:

William E. Britt, Sr.

A 1965 Ford, 2 door, hardtop, license #L43-276, Ky. 1972.
Financed by Modern Loan Co., 4046 Dixie Highway.

A 1969 Chevrolet sedan coupe, license #L43-232, Ky. 1972.
Financed by First National Bank, 216 So. 5th Street.

A 1969 Rambler, 4 door station wagon, license #L18-356, Ky. 1972.
Financed by G.M.A.C., 211 Brown's Lane.

Woodrow Roberts

A 1971 Chevrolet sedan coupe, license #L20-145, Ky. 1972.
Financed by International Harvester Employee Federal Credit Union,
5111 Crittenden Drive.

Gladys Childress

A 1971 Chevrolet Monte Carlo sedan coupe, license #M2-601, Ky. 1972.
Vehicle was purchased at Bob Smith, Inc., 2500 West Broadway.

Connie M. Pryor

A 1969 Chevrolet sedan coupe, license #L25-898, Ky. 1972.

October 18, 1972

This concludes this portion of the investigation, however investigation is continuing.

Additional information will be added in a supplemental report.

Respectfully submitted,

On October 17, 1972, the undersigned continued the investigation as follows: In the city's records, in doing so, it was found that Ronald E. Bonds, Arson Investigator, of the undersigned that a criminal record of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Examining four individuals who are known members of the Black Nationalist Coalition, with headquarters at 2700 West Bell Street, Louisville, Ky. These four individuals came to our attention as a result of information furnished with officials of Brown-Payman Distillers, 850 Dixie Highway, Louisville - Northern Ford, 901 South Third Street, and numerous other companies or firms establishments who have had recent contact with this organization in the form of solicitation of funds, black workers' grievances, and public relations of their business establishments. (See letters concerning Brown-Payman Distillers and Brown-Payman Tax).

Two of the four individuals are named below:

1. Kenneth Roberts, c/o/32
1902 Kentucky, Apt. 61 or 3321 Southern Avenue

2. Kenneth Thomas Taylor, Jr., c/o/32
1724 St. Louis Avenue

(See attached criminal records on these two individuals).

After obtaining the criminal records check, an investigation was conducted by the undersigned concerning vehicles registered to these two individuals. Kenneth Roberts has the following vehicles registered under his name with the Department of Motor Vehicle Registration:

1. A 1961 Chevrolet station wagon, license #424-183, Ky. 1972.
(No lien).
2. A 1969 Buick, 4 door sedan, white over black, license #37-142, Ky. 1972. Financed by The Finance Company 5/4 St. Louis Avenue.
3. A 1967 Chevrolet sedan coupe, license #424-048, Ky. 1972.
Financed by Farm Valley Credit Union, 705 Grand Lane.
4. A 1965 Ford sedan, 4 door, license #424-044, Ky. 1972.
Financed by Lincoln Auto Company, Inc., 200 East Broadway.

All of these registrations are in an active status. The finance companies listed on official records as holding a lien against these of the cars were contacted personally by the undersigned, and it was determined that all loans had been paid off against these cars by cash payments shortly after their purchase.

As indicated by this investigation, the following is an up-to-date list of NW 12687 DocId:59167934 Page 216 organizational structure:

October 18, 1972

During this investigation the following persons were contacted with official persons mentioned below:

Merle Brown, Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention Bureau
Arson Squad

Sir:

As a result of the investigation that the undersigned started on September 25, 1972, it was determined by Captain William Foushee and the undersigned to investigate further into incidents whereby members of the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Ky., had recently picketed a number of downtown department stores.

During my investigation, I first contacted officials of Stewart's Clothing Store, 4th & Walnut Streets. I first interviewed Mr. Kenneth H. Williams of 531 Primrose Way, who is president of Stewart's. Mr. Williams was not aware of all of the details involving the picketing, and introduced me to Mr. John E. Masterson of 605 Maryhill Way, telephone number 584-3261, extension 218. Mr. Masterson is vice-president and secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Masterson first gave me the name of their corporation attorney, Mr. John Tarrant. Mr. Tarrant is associated with Bullitt, Dawson & Tarrant law firm, and they maintain their office in the Kentucky Home Life Building, 5th & Jefferson Streets. Mr. Masterson informed me that his store had been picketed by members of the Black Workers Coalition on three separate occasions; Sat. September 9, 1972; Saturday, September 23, 1972; and Saturday, September 30, 1972. Only the Stewart's downtown store was picketed. At no time was the Stewart's suburban stores picketed. Mr. Masterson informed me that photographs were taken during the picketing by a commercial photographer, with a 35 mm. camera equipped with a telescopic lense. Copies of these photographs are attached to this report. Also a tape recording was taken at the time of the picketing by an employee of Stewart's Department Store from a concealed location. A copy of this tape recording is included with this report. Mr. Masterson informed me that the purpose of the photographs and tape recording was to be used as an aid in attempting to obtain a court injunction, forbidding the picketers from entering private property on 4th Street. It is my understanding that action for the court injunction is pending at this time. Mr. Masterson further informed me that at no time had his store received any threats, either in writing or telephonically. Mr. Masterson was cooperative in every way, and assisted me greatly in my investigation at his store. It was Mr. Masterson's opinion, as well as the undersigned's, that the purpose of the picketing was directed against the store for the sale of Enro shirts, manufactured by Enro Shirt Company, 4300 Leghorn Drive, telephone number 451-9000.

As this investigation continued concerning the picketing of downtown department stores by the Black Workers Coalition, the following other stores were contacted in this regard and information obtained from the highest official in each store all concluded that the same situation applied to each store as it did Stewart's at 4th & Walnut Street. Copies of all correspondence between the individual store and the Black Workers Coalition are included in this report.

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During this investigation the following stores with official person contacted are listed below:

J. C. Penney Company, 4th & Guthrie. Person contacted was Mr. Bill Hancock, sales and merchandising manager, 713 North Hite. The business telephone number is 582-3861. The store manager is Mr. Lou Benn. Mr. Benn is traveling in Europe and could not be contacted at this time.

Levy Bros., 235 W. Market Street. Person contacted was Mr. Michael Ryan, store superintendent, 613 Merwin Street, home telephone number 637-2174, office telephone number 584-5161, extension 203. I further interviewed Mr. Stewart Levy, telephone number 895-4949, who is co-owner and president of the store.

Moseson & King, 5th & Walnut Streets. Person contacted was Mr. Lewis Moseson, owner-president.

Enro Shirt Company, 4300 Leghorn Drive. Person contacted was Mr. Walter Ewing, vice-president marketing.

As mentioned earlier in this report, the undersigned was unable to obtain any evidence that this action by the Black Workers Coalition against these downtown stores was anything other than a protest against the sale or production of Enro shirts. Initially the Black Workers Coalition started their protest in regard to the termination of a black female employee of Enro Shirt Company. Further, Mr. Ewing of Enro Shirt Company informed the undersigned that his company had reconsidered and rehired the black female employee in question.

This investigation is continuing. All information obtained at a later date will be added in the form of a supplemental report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Bonds, Arson Investigator
Fire Prevention Bureau

As this investigation continued, concerned with the possibility of a downtown protest, the Black Workers Coalition, the following other stores were contacted: J. C. Penney Company, 4th & Guthrie. The store manager is Mr. Lou Benn. Mr. Benn is traveling in Europe and could not be contacted at this time. The store manager is Mr. Lou Benn. Mr. Benn is traveling in Europe and could not be contacted at this time. The store manager is Mr. Lou Benn. Mr. Benn is traveling in Europe and could not be contacted at this time.

October 18, 1972

Merle Brown, Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention Bureau
Arson Squad

Sir:

On October 3, 1972, the undersigned continued the investigation concerning the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, and visited Louisville Motors Ford, located at 636 South 5th Street.

I interviewed Mr. Charles Coates, who is president and general manager. During this interview with Mr. Coates, he was very cooperative in every way in helping to further my investigation; however, Mr. Coates informed me that, to the best of his knowledge, his company had never been contacted by the Black Workers Coalition. Recently he had been contacted by a Mr. John A. Taylor. Mr. Taylor is program development specialist for an organization known as F.R.A.N. Inc. (Freedom Rehabilitation & Assistance Now, Inc.), 3308 West Broadway, Louisville, Ky., 40211, telephone number 776-4619. (See attached brochure from F.R.A.N. Inc.) Mr. Coates and the undersigned are in agreement that this organization appears to be legitimate, and at no time have they pressured his company. Mr. Taylor only asked for any assistance that could be offered from Louisville Motors Ford. As mentioned earlier in this report, neither the company nor any of its employees had any contact with the Black Workers Coalition.

This investigation is continuing. All information obtained at a later date will be added in the form of a supplemental report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Bonds, Arson Investigator
Fire Prevention Bureau

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Sir:

On October 16, 1972, Captain William Foushee gave to the undersigned two license numbers that were observed in the vicinity of the Galt House during the visit of Henry Ford II to the city during the week of October 9-13. These two license numbers were installed on two new automobiles, and were being used by picketers during a demonstration against Henry Ford II.

These license numbers are as follows:

X3-481U, registered to Bob Smith Chevrolet, 2500 W. Broadway.

X3-447N. Unknown registration at this time.

Both of these license plates are 1972 Kentucky dealer's plates.

Captain William Foushee requested that the undersigned visit Bob Smith Chevrolet, 2500 West Broadway, and attempt to interview Mr. Bob Smith as to any knowledge he might have concerning an approach to any member of his company by members of the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, Louisville, Ky. Captain Foushee and the undersigned agreed that no one at Bob Smith Chevrolet should be advised concerning the citing of these plates at the demonstration at the Galt House.

Upon arriving at Bob Smith Chevrolet, the undersigned first interviewed Mr. Gordon Hamilton, w/m/53, telephone number 776-1561. Mr. Hamilton is employed at Bob Smith Chevrolet in the capacity of secretary-treasurer. Mr. Hamilton informed the undersigned that approximately one month ago his company had received written correspondence from the Black Workers Coalition in regard to the termination from Bob Smith Chevrolet of an unfit black female employee. The grievance that the black female employee registered with the Black Workers Coalition was that she had been terminated from her job without being paid accumulated vacation time. Mr. Hamilton was very familiar with the situation and recalled that the employee, in fact, submitted a notice that she (the employee) was quitting of her own accord. Mr. Hamilton said that Bob Smith Chevrolet had changed the dealership in March of 1972 from Universal Chevrolet to Bob Smith Chevrolet and since this was a new Chevrolet dealership, the company felt it did not owe this employee the mentioned vacation time; however, Mr. Bob Smith attended a meeting with the Black Workers Coalition and, after returning from this meeting, the female employee in question was rehired. Mr. Hamilton feels this employee is still unsatisfactory and, in fact, she only works when she feels light it. Mr. Hamilton stated that he felt this was a peculiar situation. Mr. Hamilton said that, in his opinion, Mr. Bob Smith was seriously afraid of the Black Workers Coalition. This opinion was based on conversations between Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Bob Smith. Mr. Hamilton further stated to me that at no time did he (Mr. Hamilton) have any knowledge of any automobile being given or loaned to the Black Workers Coalition. He also stated that if any automobile or any donation of money were made to any

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organization, it would have to come through his office as secretary-treasurer. To the best of Mr. Hamilton's knowledge, none of these things had ever taken place. He did state, however, that although he controlled all of the dealers' license plates for his company, it is possible that a company automobile, with dealer plates attached, could be used for other purposes outside the company. If this were the case, one of the company executives or salesman would have permitted it since all salesmen drive company owned demonstrator cars, and the salesmen are all issued a dealer tag to the salesman rather than the car.

The next person that I interviewed was Mr. Charles B. Russell, w/m/41, who is employed at Bob Smith Chevrolet, in the capacity of sales manager. Mr. Russell stated to the undersigned that he was the third person in authority at Bob Smith Chevrolet, and that he had no knowledge of any solicitation or threats of any kind, and that the undersigned should speak to Mr. Bob Smith personally. Before leaving Mr. Russell's office, I asked him if he would furnish the undersigned with a list of demonstrator car license plates, and the salesmen assigned to the cars. Mr. Russell informed me that he would get this list put together for me and that I could pick it up from him the following day, October 17, 1972.

Next I interviewed Mr. Bob Smith, c/m/54, who resides at Kentucky Towers, 5th & Walnut Streets, home telephone number 589-6483. From the very beginning of our discussion, Mr. Bob Smith appeared to be apprehensive about talking with the undersigned. In fact, he appeared to be on the defensive throughout our discussion. Mr. Smith would answer only the questions that I asked him in a very direct manner, and he was constantly on guard not to give any information voluntarily. Mr. Smith stated to the undersigned that due to a disagreement between a black female employee of his company over unpaid vacation time, he was first contacted in writing by members of the Black Workers Coalition, 2300 West Oak Street, and was subsequently contacted many times by telephone regarding this disagreement. Mr. Smith was instructed by Roosevelt Roberts of the Black Workers Coalition to appear in a meeting at the Black Workers Coalition Headquarters, 2300 W. Oak Street (Mr. Smith could not recall the exact date, but it was approximately 30-45 days previously). Mr. Smith recalled that Roosevelt Roberts did most of the talking from his position on the panel at this meeting. He stated that although Mr. Roberts conducted himself in a mild manner, a large group of spectators at the meeting were very noisy and boisterous throughout the entire meeting, and at times were even hostile toward him (Mr. Smith). Mr. Smith stated to the undersigned that he agreed to rehire the employee in question to work only on Saturdays, as she desired, and that all accumulated vacation time would be paid. After Mr. Smith returned to his office, he received numerous telephone calls from Mr. Roberts of the Black Workers Coalition, requesting an automobile for use by the Black Workers Coalition. Mr. Smith stated to the undersigned that he emphatically refused to authorize the use of a car. Mr. Smith recalled that to the best of his knowledge no mention was made of a solicitation of money. Although Mr. Smith denied authorizing the use of an automobile, he did recall Roosevelt Roberts and Moscoe Rapier coming into his office a few days later asking for a car. Mr. Smith states that he again denied the use of an automobile to these two individuals.

During this discussion Mr. Smith mentioned to me that he was not a resident of Louisville prior to March of 1972. He stated that he was previously a

resident of Indianapolis, Indiana, and that he had assumed the Chevrolet dealership he now controls in March of 1972. Mr. Smith told me during our discussion that he would cooperate in any way possible with this office in our investigation.

On October 17, 1972, the undersigned returned to Bob Smith Chevrolet to pick up the list of automobiles and license numbers promised to me by Mr. Smith personally. Mr. Charles Russell, the sales manager mentioned earlier in this report, had, in fact, compiled the list and had the list on his desk; however, Mr. Russell informed me that Bob Smith had instructed him just moments before I arrived not to turn the list over to me.

Mr. Smith further instructed Mr. Gordon Hamilton, secretary-treasurer mentioned previously in this report, not to turn over to me the written correspondence from the Black Workers Coalition, although Mr. Hamilton had reproduced a letter and had it waiting for me.

I concluded this interview with officials at Bob Smith Chevrolet, and proceeded to Summers-Herrmann Ford for a second visit with Mr. Ed Moore. Mr. Ed Moore is mentioned in a previous report, and is vice-president and general manager of Summers-Herrmann Ford. Mr. Moore informed me voluntarily that when Roosevelt Roberts and other members of his staff appeared at Summers-Herrmann Ford to pick up the Ford that Summers-Herrmann Ford was to give to them, Mr. Roberts and his staff members were driving a 1972 white Chevrolet. Mr. Ronald Slaughter, who is a member of the Black Workers Coalition, was driving this 1972 white Chevrolet, and Roosevelt Roberts told Mr. Ed Moore of Summers-Herrmann Ford that the white Chevrolet had been donated to the Black Workers Coalition by Bob Smith Chevrolet.

Mr. Ed Moore informed me that he (Ed Moore) was with Henry Ford II at the Galt House, and, as Mr. Ford's party attempted to leave the Galt House, the entire party was confronted by a noisy group of black picketers, whom Mr. Moore believed to be the same people that they had given the car to. These picketers were yelling, "We want Ford! We want Ford!" Mr. Moore stated that as his party left the Galt House they exited by the rear door and as they left the Galt House, they observed this same white Chevrolet which was driven by members of this group. He recognized it as the car from Bob Smith Chevrolet.

Mr. Ed Moore described the automobile mentioned in a previous Summers-Herrmann Ford report, loaned to the Black Workers Coalition by Summers-Herrmann Ford. He said it was a 1972 Ford, 6 passenger, country sedan (medium green). Mr. Moore was not sure of the dealer tag numbers on this car; however, he gave me two numbers and said it was possible that one of these numbers could be on the car. The numbers are X3-477 and X3-479, followed by the initial A, B, C or D - 1972 dealer tags. Mr. Moore stated to the undersigned that his company is now in the process of trying to have this 1972 automobile returned, since the time for the loan had expired on October 10, 1972.

This investigation will continue, and close liaison will be maintained by the undersigned and Mr. Ed Moore of Summers-Herrmann Ford. Mr. Moore may possibly give us a statement in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Bonds, Arson Investigator
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Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) programs continue to receive little or no support from the established Negro community. Although the KBPP has established a free breakfast program and has conducted some sickle cell anemia testing in the Negro community at Louisville, Kentucky, there has been no significant response on the part of the Negro community toward the KBPP indicative of the latter group accepting the philosophy of the KBPP. KBPP efforts have been hampered by the fact that they do not really have any expertise within the organization in order to successfully convey their programs to the established Negro leadership.

On September 25, 1972, during the trial of the "Louisville Seven", supporters of the KBPP and the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) assembled at the Jefferson County Criminal Court House in a peaceful picket demonstration. Signs protesting "legalized lynching" and other forms of oppression were carried by the demonstrators. CARL and ANNE BRADEN were both observed during the demonstration and appeared to be somewhat in control of same.

CARL and ANNE BRADEN, mentioned above, appear to be interested in the Louisville Tenants Union (LTU) and have been spending much time attempting to organize that organization. ANNE BRADEN most recently has publicly supported the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA) political ticket, making no effort to cloak her CPUSA affiliation.

Convicted "Louisville Seven" member, WILLIAM D. BLAKEMORE, is generally believed to have been involved in the Laird's Tourist Home armed robbery on May 5, 1972, although other KBPP members acquitted in the same case, are actually believed not to have assisted BLAKEMORE in the robbery. It appears that the Louisville, Kentucky Negro community has accepted BLAKEMORE's conviction as legitimate, speculating that BLAKEMORE may have had accomplices from the criminal element with which he was known to associate, during the conduct of the above-mentioned robbery. Reaction to BLAKEMORE's conviction within the Negro community will be minimal.

Louisville, Kentucky
October 30, 1972

[redacted] Black Workers Coalition (BWC) member, is currently being considered as a primary suspect in the past rash of church burnings in the Louisville, Kentucky area. Although some evidence has been amassed by Louisville police and arson investigators against [redacted] same is insufficient at the present time to warrant presentation to a Jefferson County Criminal Grand Jury.

Support for the BWC has been waning and it appears that the BWC has no real leadership. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, who is currently a BWC Chairman, is no longer effective within the organization.

No working relationship has been established between the BWC and the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). Members of the KBPP appear to be extremely dedicated to their cause, however, lack necessary qualifications to accomplish those objectives proposed by the organization.

Reverend JOSEPH BELL, Pastor of Holy Cross Church, 32nd Street and Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky, reportedly was recently asked to resign from his position as pastor at the above-mentioned church by the Bishop of Louisville. BELL's congregation has significantly dwindled since his assumption of the pastorate with many parishioners joining neighboring parishes. About one month ago, BELL had only about twelve-fifteen persons at Sunday mass. BELL reportedly has taken down the crucifix within Holy Cross Church, which at one time hung behind the altar and replaced it with a "black power" clenched fist.

BELL has, in the past, been very close to CARL and ANNE BRADEN, Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) and the Junta of Militant Organizations (JOMO), who at one time had given BELL support in his activities. However, the above-described group of individuals were not able to render his church any support, and same has gradually declined.

BELL, who is originally from Jenkins, Kentucky,

[redacted]

BELL's future reportedly is uncertain, however, it is doubtful whether BELL will receive a pastorate in another Louisville, Kentucky area church. BELL's attitude has been extremely militant,

and he has been spurned by fellow priests, especially in the predominantly Negro-populated West End section of Louisville, Kentucky.

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Louisville, Kentucky
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According to the files at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office, the following individuals are officials with the BWC and comprise the BWC's Board of Directors:

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, Chairman

MOSCOE RAPIER, Vice-Chairman

WOODROW ROBERTS, Program Director and Political
Education Committee Chairman

ROBERT CUMMINGS, Publicity Chairman

VANITA TINKER, Recording Secretary

JIMMY COX, Treasurer

JAMES A. CHANDLER, Member of Fact Finding Committee

JAMES BLAND, Domestic Consultant

BILLY BRITT, Sergeant-at-Arms.

On Sunday, October 29, 1972, the BWC held its regularly scheduled community meeting. They discussed establishing their food for needy families program, by which they will obtain mostly canned food, which will be distributed to needy families around Thanksgiving. The BWC hopes to place barrels in front of A & P and Kroger Stores in the West End of Louisville, in which canned food will be placed and later distributed to needy families. ROBERTS dictated a letter which will be typed this week which will be sent to A & P and to Krogers advising them of the BWC's plan.

Several individuals at the BWC meeting expressed various types of grievances against Brown and Williamson, International Harvester and Philip Morris. The BWC continues to discuss the possibility of picketing these firms, protesting their treatment of blacks. Also at the meeting, an unknown white individual who apparently is affiliated with the Communist Party, inasmuch as he had several copies of the Communist newspaper, "The Daily Worker", with him, which he passed out to anyone who wanted a copy, showed a film which provided instructions on how to effectively hold a demonstration.

The BWC's financial situation is extremely bad. VANITA TINKER and JIMMY COX (the new treasurer) have been reviewing the books of the BWC, hoping to make some sort of sense out of them. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has complained that RON SLAUGHTER did an "unbelievably bad" job maintaining financial records. Because of the poor job he did while treasurer, he was relieved of this position and has not been appointed to any other position within the BWC.

The BWC hopes to start a women's auxiliary of the BWC in the near future.

There has been no further mention by the BWC of holding any type of unity rally.

Sometime last week, an unknown Negro male made a long-distance telephone call from the State of Kansas to the BWC office. This individual wanted to know the telephone number of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) because he wanted to talk to the Panthers there. He explained that he could not get the telephone number for SCEF because he did not know what the initials "SCEF" stood for. VANITA TINKER, who answered the telephone, could not help him because she did not know what the initials "SCEF" stood for herself. This individual explained that he was interested in contacting the Panthers because he wanted to know how the "Louisville Seven" trial turned out. (It is believed this individual is WALTER REED, inasmuch as REED is currently stationed somewhere in Kansas with the United States Army.)

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 25, 1972

On Tuesday, October 24, 1972, source attended the Black Workers Coalition's board meeting. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER headed this meeting.

It was decided that the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) will, as part of its food crisis program, set out large barrels in front of the A & P and Kroger Food Markets in the West End of Louisville, attempting to solicit food donations which the BWC will then distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. In addition to this program, the BWC will sell raffle tickets, and the money which will be earned from this raffle will be used to purchase food which will also be distributed to needy families around Thanksgiving.

At the meeting, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was severely critical of his brother, WOODROW ROBERTS, for not maintaining accurate records of BWC activities. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS stated that from now on, he wants WOODROW to maintain not only accurate records of BWC meetings, but also of BWC activities.

ROBERTS is also displeased because he feels that the BWC's work is not evenly distributed and not at all co-ordinated. Due to this, he stated from now on everyone in the BWC will receive written work assignments and will be instructed to follow them closely.

At the BWC meeting on Sunday, October 22, 1972, an individual believed to be in some way connected with the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) became involved in a heated argument with BWC members. This individual criticized the BWC for not joining the Panthers in their drug program and for not supporting other KBPP programs. After the meeting, several BWC members criticized ROOSEVELT ROBERTS for allowing this individual to criticize the BWC at their own meeting. ROBERTS simply said that everyone has the right to his or her opinion and an equal right to voice it and that anybody could say anything they want to say at BWC meetings as long as they do not advocate violence or act in a violent manner.

According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, he "has GE standing on its head" regarding the BARBARA BROWN affair (BARBARA BROWN is the Negro female who was recently dismissed from General Electric). ROBERTS anticipates that General Electric (GE), to

avoid trouble, will rehire [REDACTED]

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS' wife, DOROTHY ROBERTS, who is a registered nurse, wants to set up a drug education program and a venereal disease education program for black youths in the West End. She wants to use the BWC facilities for these classes. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS is discouraging her because he feels that the BWC has lost the confidence of the children in the black community, and it would be very difficult to regain this confidence.

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According to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER, the BWC had no money coming in and is in bad financial straits. ROBERTS has stated that he really sees no relief in sight because he does not know where any additional money will come from.

ROBERTS has told BWC members that he is waiting to receive instructions from Atlanta, Georgia, from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLS), with regard to holding some kind of rally or march regarding the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING. Recently ROBERTS has received mail from the Reverend JESSIE JACKSON and from the Reverend BENNIE BRASS from Rochester, New York.

An individual known only to source as "PAPA JAKE", who is employed at International Harvester, has spoken to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS concerning conditions at International Harvester and has told ROBERTS that he would like to make a formal complaint to the BWC, charging International Harvester with discrimination against its black employees.

The BWC no longer has the white and the green station wagons which it had been using for the last several weeks. Source does not know what happened to these automobiles, although with regard to the white station wagon, LEONARD ROBERTS mentioned that he was going to "return the wagon." Source does not know what this means.

At the recent demonstration held by the BWC at the Galt House when HENRY FORD was in town, there were a lot of children present. One of the means which the BWC used to induce children to attend this demonstration was to pass out free passes to the Crispy Chicken for all those children who attended the demonstration.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS has instructed BWC members that they must be more security conscious because, according to ROBERTS, "too many things are getting out." ROBERTS wants BWC members to conceal any BWC plans until the last possible moment. ROBERTS feels that this will help the BWC get a more traumatic response from the press.

Recently there has been a Negro male, approximately 23-24 years old, heavy set, who claims to have recently gotten out of the service where he served in Vietnam, who has been hanging out at the BWC office quite a bit. For an unknown reason, this individual is bitterly opposed to the Black Panther Party and is always talking against the Panthers. This individual claims to be a karate expert. He also claims to be friendly with CAROL THOMAS although source has never seen them together.

The BWC plans to order car bumper stickers which will have the "Black Workers Coalition" printed on them. ROBERTS hopes that this will publicize the BWC within the black community much more than it has been in the past.

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Things have been going relatively slowly at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC). No new plans have been made and the BWC has not acquired any new members. Interest in the BWC within the black community seems to be waning and the BWC continues to suffer from internal conflicts between present BWC members. The BWC continues to talk of demonstrating against General Electric, Brown Forman, Ford, Brown and Williamson, and Philip Morris. However, no definite plans have been made for any of these demonstrations.

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On Sunday, October 14, 1972, the BWC had its regularly scheduled community meeting at its office. On this occasion, two young blacks, unknown to source, arrived at the BWC office, and spoke for a brief time. They delivered a talk which was against the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP). They stated that the KBPP members were working for police and for narcotics agents and were getting paid by the police to "snitch" on their fellow blacks, and that they, therefore, could not be trusted. These individuals called members of the KBPP "phonies."

These talks did not cause much of a stir at the BWC because, in fact, no one at the BWC is really very interested in the KBPP anyway. MOSE RAPIER and RON SLAUGHTER seem somewhat pleased at the attack against the KBPP and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was somewhat pleased also. (Source believes that the BWC is somewhat jealous of the KBPP because the KBPP seems to get more publicity than does the BWC).

After the meeting was over and these two individuals had left, ROBERTS, RAPIER and SLAUGHTER were discussing what they said. Source got the impression that RAPIER and SLAUGHTER are more jealous of the KBPP than is ROOSEVELT ROBERTS. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS stated he has no love for the KBPP, however, he does think that some of their programs are helping the black community, especially the free breakfast program.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P) DATE: 10/18/72

FROM : SA WARREN L. WALSH

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RONALD SLAUGHTER

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS
WILLIAM BRITT

August 28, 1972

TO MOSEN-KING
MEN'S STORE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is in response to a recent demonstration formed by the Black Workers Coalition of the corner of third and market in front of Levy Brothers. The Black Workers Coalition are implementing a nonbuying program against the Enro Shirt Co. the program is in regard to a month old grievance in the Black Workers Coalition files. Enro Shirt Co. has completely ignored all efforts of communication made by the Black Workers Coalition concerning this grievance. The Black Workers Coalition feel that economically the Black community is a large supporter of this company. We also feel that due to economic reasons alone Enroe Shirt Company owe the Black Workers Coalition and the Black community an explanation on the contents of this grievance. Since Enro Shirt Company has choosen to completely ignore all letters sent to them by the Black Workers Coalition. The Black Workers Coalition feel this is a personal insult to all Black people in our community and to organization itself. We are asking all stores carrying Enro products to clear the display shelves of all Enro products until favorable concessions are made with the Black Workers Coalition and the Black community. The Black Workers Coalition are requesting a meeting with someone in a decision making position from your store to explain why we are asking you to take action against Enro products.

We are requesting an immediate response.

Sincerely

Roosevelt Roberts

Roosevelt Roberts, Chairman
Black Workers Coalition

HIS REPLY ON BACK SIDE

I have ~~read~~ ^{reid} your letter requesting I remove
Euro products from my shelves. with regard to
your grievance with the Euro Sht Co. (X)

I would be very happy to meet with you
if, and to learn ^{the} details of your complaints
against Euro. If I find that I ~~can~~ agree with
you, I will certainly do what I can to
support your position.

With regards to your request that I
remove the Euro products from my shelves, I
must point out that ~~all Euro prod.~~ ^{all Euro prod. in store} is
to M. & K and not to Euro. To remove them
from sale would hurt us with ^{whom you have} ~~not~~ Euro.
For this reason, I cannot comply
with this request.

Sincerely,

I am making inquiries ^{as to} the details of this
grievance.

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FROM: LOCAL CHAPTER SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
THE BLACK WORKERS COALITION.

TO: COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

THIS IS TO MAKE YOU AWARE THAT GENERAL ELECTRIC OPENLY DISCRIMINATES
AGAINST BLACK FOLKS. WE FEEL THE TIME IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THE ENTIRE
BLACK COMMUNITY TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION AGAINST GENERAL ELECTRIC
AND ENRO SHIRT COMPANY.

SISTER BARBARA BROWN WAS UNJUSTLY FIRED FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC.
BROTHER WILLIE LACY WAS UNJUSTLY MISTREATED AT ENRO SHIRT COMPANY.

WE URGE YOU NOT TO BUY FROM ANY STORE THAT CARRIES G.E. OR ENRO
SHIRT COMPANY PRODUCTS AND PLEASE RESPECT OUR PICKET LINES. THE MAN
CERTAINLY DOESN'T RESPECT US BY LETTING THESE CONDITIONS EXIST, AND
STILL PUTTING HIS JUNK IN OUR COMMUNITY.

WE CAN NOT FIND CONTENTMENT IN SAYING: "WELL, I'M DOING BETTER NOW
THAN I DID BEFORE."

(BECAUSE)

LOOK YOU COULD BE NEXT.
TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT.

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September 29, 1972

Merle Brown, Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention Bureau
Arson Squad

Re: Interview with officials of Brown-Foreman Distilleries, 850 Dixie Highway

Sir:

The undersigned participated in an interview with Mr. John Mooreman, who is employed at Brown-Foreman Distilleries, on 18th Street, in the capacity of corporation attorney. This interview was conducted for the purpose of furthering the investigation as related to the suspected arson of black churches in the city of Louisville.

The event that focused our attention on Brown-Foreman Distilleries was the result of a personal interview between the undersigned and Mr. Ed Shroering, Commonwealth's attorney. Mr. Shroering stated to me that it was his understanding that Brown-Foreman had been approached by a group of black militants, and it was his belief that the purpose of this approach was for solicitation of funds for the black community.

During my interview with Mr. Mooreman of Brown-Foreman Distilleries, Mr. Mooreman stated to me that approximately two months ago his company decided to terminate approximately 15 black employees who were serving in the capacity of janitors. The company's purpose for terminating these employees was for economy purposes. Brown-Foreman felt that the company would benefit financially by terminating these permanent janitors and contracting a local janitorial firm. Approximately two days after termination of these employees, Brown-Foreman received a telephone call from an individual believed to be Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the black workers coalition. Mr. Roberts stated specifically that Brown-Foreman had committed a crime against the ~~xxx~~ black citizens of Louisville. Mr. Roberts went on to say that the recently terminated black employees and their families were in destitute financial circumstances as a result of these unannounced terminations. Mr. Roberts stated that it would be necessary for Brown-Foreman to rehire these recently terminated employees. Mr. Roberts' voice indicated threatening overtones. In fact he was quoted as saying that his organization had ways of getting even with companies that failed to cooperate. Mr. John Mooreman believes that these threats were in the sense of hurting the company by approaching their product, rather than physical violence toward the company; however, Mr. Mooreman had nothing to substantiate this, other than his ~~xxxxx~~ personal opinion. Mr. Mooreman stated to the undersigned that he and other executive members of Brown-Foreman had met on more than one occasion with a group of black militants. While looking through a group of police department photographs, Mr. Mooreman identified three male subjects that were in attendance at all of their meetings. These subjects are as follows: Police photograph #158439 - Roosevelt Roberts; #158440 - Mosco Rapier; and #150735 - John Winfield. Throughout the interview Mr. Mooreman continuously remarked to the undersigned that the purpose of the meeting was to force the rehiring of the recently terminated employees. Additionally the group of black militants asked Brown-Foreman to contribute money for the cause of the Black Coalition Movement. As of this date Brown & Foreman has rehired some of the employees and they were instrumental in placing the remainder of the terminated employees in other jobs.

According to Mr. Mooreman different company executives have received threatening telephone calls, all of which came from the Black Workers Coalition; however, Mr. Mooreman declined to give the undersigned the names of the executives. Additionally, these same executives have received written correspondence from members of the same ~~organization~~.

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As requested by Capt. William Foushee, the undersigned continuously asked Mr. Mooreman if he or any other executives from Brown-Foreman would furnish the undersigned either a signed statement or a narrative of past events concerning the above incidents. While I promised Mr. Mooreman that all information received from Brown-Foreman would be kept in an official, classified status in our office, Mr. Mooreman placed himself as an official spokesman for Brown-Foreman and informed me that at this particular time his corporation's official position was to refused to put any of this information in writing; however, Mr. Mooreman did stated to the undersigned that he intended to call a meeting of the corporation executives previously referred to, to discuss this matter and he would inform the undersign at a later date if his corporation was willing to cooperate in this regard. Mr. Mooreman continuously reminded me that his corporation wishes to cooperate with the police in every way possible; however, until further notice they were concerned about their corporation's welfare regarding possible trouble with this militant organization.

Before leaving Mr. Mooreman's office, he stated to me that shortly after this meeting with the Black Coalition Movement his company was pickited by approximately 20 to 25 black people. Although there was no confrontation between the company employees (management) and the pickets, it was observed by company officials that making up the pickets were some children, teenagers and adults, but the majority were adults. This organization also informed Mr. Mooreman that the company would be picketed again as part of the effort to make a point between the Black Workers Coalition organization and Brown-Foreman Distilleries.

Upon leaving the office, Mr. Mooreman gave me a copy of a page taken from the Louisville Defender, August 10, 1972, depicting the photographs of two additional male subjects that participated in the meetings between corporation executives and the Black Workers Coalition. The only thing that Mr. Mooreman remembered specifically about these two subjects was that they were referred to as Brothers Brash. Both black male subjects had the same name of "Brash". (See attached page). Mr. Mooreman remembered that someone had stated that Brothers Brash were representing the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and were reported to be from Buffalo, New York.

The undersigned terminated this interview by asking Mr. Mooreman if Captain William Foushee and the undersigned would be permitted to return to their office after this executive meeting that Mr. Mooreman spoke of, in a effort to discuss this matter further. This met with Brown-Foreman's approval.

Any information gained at a later date will be added in a follow-up report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Bonds, Investigator
Arson Squad
Fire Prevention Bureau

Distillery To Rehire Fired 15 Blacks

By Susan Brown
Defender News Editor

Fifteen janitorial workers dismissed from Brown-Forman Distillers earlier this year as part of an economic cutback have been offered their old jobs back by the company.

According to a company spokesman: "Brown-Forman has offered to rehire fifteen janitorial workers in their old positions with full restitution of back pay and benefits. These janitors were involved in a personnel cutback May 30."

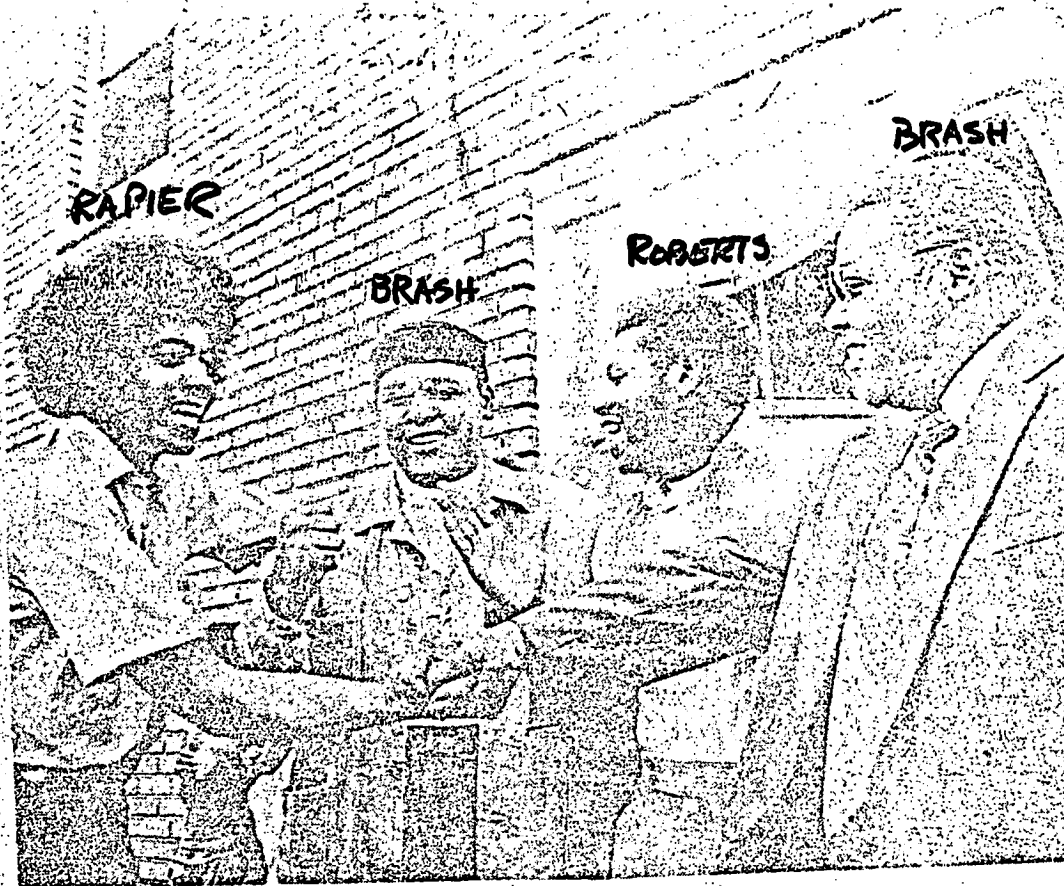
He further stated that "the decision to replace the janitors with a contract service was made for economic reasons only." He added that certain members of the community "have attributed other motives to this economic decision, but no racial bias was involved." He also said that "the janitorial employees have been notified to return to work today in their old jobs which they have requested."

The company spokesman emphasized that it is Brown-Forman's desire to "be completely fair in this matter and to clear up any misinterpretation in the community resulting from this personnel cutback." The company also stated that it would be willing to "talk with any of the individuals or the Black Workers Coalition concerning the decision to rehire these employees."

The Black Workers Coalition, who had taken up the case on behalf of the janitorial workers, had intended to picket the company every Thursday and Friday and launch a boycott of Brown-Forman products until some decision had been reached.

One of the major objections that the Coalition had to the firing of the fif-

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MEMBERS OF BLACK WORKERS COALITION along with fired members of Brown-Forman janitorial staff rejoice after hearing news that the company planned to rehire 15 workers released on May 30.

Distillery Rehires 15

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teen workers was that these people were only given half an hour's notice and some of them had worked for the company as long as 21 years. Also, the Coalition felt that nothing had been done to try and assimilate the workers into another phase of the

company.

However, a spokesman for Brown-Borman did say that the company had made every effort to rehire the workers in new capacities and had succeeded in helping several of them receive employment elsewhere.

ROUGH DRAFT

September 29, 1972

Merle Brown, Fire Marshal
Fire Prevention Bureau
Arson Squad

Re: Interview with officials of Summers-Herrmann Ford, 901 South 3rd Street

Sir:

While participating in an interview with officials at Brown-Forman Distillers Corporation, it was brought to my attention that Summers-Herrmann Ford had also been victims of an approach by the Black Workers Coalition.

At approximately 10:30 A.M., this date, the undersigned participated in a meeting with Mr. Louie Herrmann, owner of Summers-Herrmann Ford. In attendance at this meeting was Mr. Ed Moore, vice-president and general manager of Summers-Herrmann Ford. Mr. Louie Herrmann stated to the undersigned that the trouble between his company and the Black Workers Coalition began two months ago. Mr. Herrmann did not remember the exact date. Mr. Ed Moore, vice-president and general manager, had reason and, in fact, terminated a black employee of his company, who was employed in the capacity of an automobile clean-up man. According to Mr. Ed Moore, this employee was completely inefficient in his duties and, after repeated warnings, he was terminated from Summers-Herrmann Ford; however, he was replaced immediately by another black employee.

The day following this termination, Mr. Ed Moore received a telephone call from a subject who identified himself as Roosevelt Roberts, chairman of the Black Workers Coalition. Mr. Roberts stated specifically to Mr. Moore that Summers-Herrmann Ford had committed a crime against the black citizens of Louisville, and that the Black Workers Coalition was, in fact, holding a trial between the Black Workers Coalition and Summers-Herrmann Ford. Mr. Ed Moore, in his capacity as vice-president and general manager, was ordered to appear at the Black Workers Coalition headquarters to defend the position of Summers-Herrmann Ford. Mr. Moore stated that at first he was sympathetic to the cause of the Black Workers Coalition, and that he actually intended to attend this meeting. The meeting was tentatively scheduled for the day following the telephone call; however, before Mr. Moore attended the meeting, he consulted with a highly trusted black automobile salesman who, according to Mr. Moore, was a very good personal and dear friend of his for many years past. Mr. Moore continuously declined to name this employee to the undersigned. This black automobile salesman investigated the circumstances surrounding the impending meeting between Mr. Moore and members of the Black Workers Coalition, and the following day this trusted, black employee came to Mr. Moore and told him that he strongly advised against this planned meeting which was scheduled for 6:00 P.M. this date. This black automobile salesman stated to Mr. Moore that it was his belief that it would be dangerous for Mr. Moore to attend this meeting. He advised Mr. Moore to forget the meeting and not attend. Mr. Moore took the advice and did not attend the meeting.

Following this, Mr. Moore received three or four telephone calls, each call being made by a different person who identified himself as an official of the Black Workers Coalition. Finally after two or three days passed, it was agreed upon by all parties that a meeting would be conducted in the offices of Summers-Herrmann Ford. This meeting took place the following day after the agreement. Neither Mr. Herrmann nor Mr. Moore could recall any of the dates. At this meeting Mr. Moore, as he recalled, met with six or eight black male subjects. Mr. Moore identified four of these male subjects by looking at a selection of police photographs that I had in my possession. These subjects were Roosevelt Roberts, Mosco Rapiet, John Winfield, and Ronald Slaughter. Throughout the meeting, members of the Black Workers Coalition continuously asked that Summers-Herrmann Ford rehire the recently terminated employee. As members of the Coalition stated it, Summers-Herrmann Ford must contribute funds to be used in benefiting the black citizens of Louisville. During the meeting, as Mr. Moore recalled, these coalition members were told that Summers-Herrmann Ford would not contribute large sums of money. All of these coalition members became very angry, and began to make radical remarks, specifically that the Black Workers Coalition members has drastic ways of making companies sorry for not contributing to their cause. At one point in the meeting the black male identified as Ronald Slaughter made a remark that "I have a solution of my own. I suggest that we burn the 'MF' place up." Ronald Slaughter was very belligerent and continuously spoke in threatening phrases. Roosevelt Roberts made a remark that, in addition to funds required from Summers-Herrmann Ford, the coalition requested that a new automobile be donated to their cause, in an effort to campaign in the city of Louisville, in furthering the cause of the Black Workers Coalition. Mr. Louie Herrmann, who was quietly sitting in attendance, heard this request for an automobile and he quickly consented to give a new automobile to the Black Workers Coalition. Mr. Louie Herrmann, in fact, gave the new automobile to this organization. Mr. Herrmann stated it was his intention to give this automobile to the coalition in order to help him stall for time until he could return from a two week trip outside the United States.

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It should be mentioned in this report that throughout the discussion, Mr. Mooreman stated continuously that he was very much afraid of this organization and that if the decision of the company was to furnish written documentation, he himself would not personally jeopardize his family's personal safety. Since the schedule meeting for October is set, Captain William Foushee and the undersigned intend to meet with Mr. Herrmann and Mr. Moore in their private offices.

Any information obtained at this meeting will be added in a continuation report.

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Fire Prevention Bureau

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 16, 1972

On Friday morning, October 13, 1972, several individuals associated with Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) picketed the front of the courtroom where DARRYL BLAKEMORE was being sentenced. No Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) members participated in this picketing; however, there were several KBPP members at the sentencing. These KBPP members merely sat in the courtroom showing their support for BLAKEMORE. Among those KBPP members present were BEN SIMMONS, UMOJA, RICK OLIVER, CAROLLE MORRIS, BERNICE JONES, GERONIMO, BRUCE CONWAY, G. T. ALEXANDER and NANCY PENICK. There were no incidents or arrests on this occasion.

BLAKEMORE received a sentence consisting of ten years to run concurrently on three of the counts he was found guilty of and on the fourth count, he received a five-year probated sentence, which is to begin when he is released from prison.

BERNICE JONES is trying to get a job in Louisville, Kentucky. NANCY PENICK is helping her. PENICK claims to be working at the University of Louisville Dentistry School and she says that she will try to get BERNICE JONES a job with her there. BERNICE JONES is supposed to have some training in the medical field.

On Friday evening the party held a political education class. In addition to the individuals who were present at the BLAKEMORE sentencing, VILANNE DAVIS and her present boy friend, CHICO (Last Name Unknown) were at the meeting. CHICO is described as a Negro male, 5'10", 160 pounds, medium Afro, light complexion, mustache, medium length sideburns. CHICO is very interested in becoming a KBPP member.

At the political education class the BLAKEMORE situation was discussed, and it was decided that the party would continue to support DARRYL BLAKEMORE. It was also decided that GERONIMO will be the permanent political education class co-ordinator. In this capacity he will be responsible for setting up the agenda for each political education class and will be responsible for assigning speakers at the meetings.

On Saturday, October 14, 1972, a Negro male from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) came by the SCEF office. Source does not know this individual's name, but he has seen him in the past. He is described as a Negro male, six feet tall, 190 pounds,

dark complexion, large Afro, wears wire-rimmed glasses. On prior occasions source has observed this individual driving a dark blue 1971 Grand Prix. This individual related to party members that he had recently spoken with individuals associated with the "Ones" and they told him that the party was passing on information to narcotics agents. This individual said he was surprised to find this out and wanted to check with party members to see if it was true. SIMMONS told him that it certainly was not true and that no party members participate with anyone associated with law enforcement.

SIMMONS was very upset at this news and party members discussed why the "Ones" would want to put this information out in the black community. Party members guessed that the "Ones" still blame the party for BLAKEMORE's conviction. MIKE (last name unknown) and RICK BARRETT are leaders of the "Ones" now. G.T. NOBLE is still active in the "Ones" but he is no longer the leader. Party members believe that MIKE (last name unknown) is the individual from the "Ones" who is probably doing most of the talking, putting down the party, although the "Ones" MIKE (last name unknown) seems to be particularly bitter towards the party regarding BLAKEMORE's conviction.

On Sunday, October 15, 1972, UMOJA related to other party members that he had an argument with several individuals associated with the "Ones", including MIKE (last name unknown) and RICHARD BARRETT. The argument came about as follows:

Several of the "Ones" gave UMOJA the one dab but UMOJA refused to respond telling them that the one dab is irrelevant. They became very angry with UMOJA and started calling him by various names but never calling him UMOJA, which he prefers to be called. They then told him that he is not allowed to talk to any of the "One" women any more, including JACKIE HOWARD (JACKIE HOWARD is currently in Chicago visiting relatives). They also told UMOJA that none of the party members are considered members of the "Ones" any longer because the party is meeting with and passing information on to narcotics agents.

Also on Sunday the individual associated with the BWC who had been by SCEF on Saturday came by SCEF again and told the party members that MIKE (last name unknown) and RICHARD BARRETT had been by the BWC office that day and had spoken at the BWC meeting, at which time they stated that members of the KBPP were working with narcotics agents and that no one from the KBPP could be trusted.

BEN SIMMONS was very upset at this news and at the party's organizational meeting on Sunday, they discussed the situation and how to resolve it. It was decided that party members will meet with individuals from the "Ones" as soon as possible and try to resolve this situation. HENRI WILLIAMS and individuals from the Kentucky Committee to Smash Repression will act as arbitrators between the party and the "Ones." The party will try to get together with the "Ones", however, this may prove difficult because although the "Ones" have a new pad located at 3916 River Park at which most of them are currently staying, they are very seldom there. Most of the time they are riding around in a white Ford van, which, according to MIKE (last name unknown), is a stolen vehicle and has stolen tags on it.

In addition to party regulars, ABDULA and CHICO were at this meeting.

On Monday morning, October 16, 1972, HENRI WILLIAMS came by SCEF's office. He related to party members that he had recently been approached by a Negro male who stated that he is trying to start a black mafia in Louisville which, among other things, will control the drug traffic. This individual knows many individuals associated with the "Ones" and apparently has approached them as well as approaching HENRI WILLIAMS. This individual stated that he will pay anyone fifty dollars per day to work for him. He stated that he is looking for someone who has a lot of savvy but who is not too well known by local police. HENRI WILLIAMS thinks this guy is for real, that is, he really thinks this individual is serious about starting a black mafia in Louisville.

Also on Monday, October 16, 1972, DON SPAULDING, BRUCE CONWAY, BEN SIMMONS, CHICO and GERONIMO, went to 3916 River Park Drive, which, as previously stated, is the "Ones" pad where they attempted to meet with the "Ones" to set up a meeting with them to try to resolve the current conflict between the two groups. However, no one was at the "Ones" pad.

RICK OLIVER, UMOJA and GERONIMO have an apartment at Peyton Place. G.T. ALEXANDER is not staying with them at the present time nor is he staying with BEN SIMMONS any longer. Source believes that ALEXANDER is presently staying with his parents, although he does not believe that this will be a permanent arrangement as far as ALEXANDER is concerned. RICK OLIVER and DON SPAULDING have been working on an automobile which source has not, as yet, observed. According to OLIVER, when the car is fixed up, he will have access to it.

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PICKETING BY BLACK WORKERS COALITION (BWC)

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During instant contact source furnished the letter he had received on 10/2/72 from MIKE BRESNAHAN announcing the appearance of GUS HALL in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 3, 1972, concerning which letter informant included information in the report dated 10/2/72. The letter furnished by the informant is attached to the copy of this communication designated for [] and a copy of the letter is also attached to the copy of this communication designated for 100-213 and 100-MICHAEL BRESNAHAN. Written notations on the letter were made by the informant.

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- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
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October 13, 1972
Louisville, Kentucky

On the evening of October 11, 1972, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC), of Louisville, Kentucky, sponsored a protest type demonstration held in front of the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. The reason for the demonstration was the appearance at the Galt House on that evening of Henry Ford, II, and members of the Board of Directors of the Ford Motor Company who were in Louisville, Kentucky. The purpose of the demonstration according to signs carried by the demonstrators was the claim that the Ford Motor Company in Louisville, Kentucky, has discriminated against blacks in connection with their employment at the company. There were about 75 individuals participating in the demonstration. All were black with the exception of about ten whites. The main group of demonstrators arrived at the Galt House shortly before 7:00 PM in a bus, psychedelic in color, which is frequently seen parked at the Community Action Commission Building on Broadway, between 11th and 12th Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. The bus containing the protesters was driven by Reverend GRENOUGH. The demonstration was peaceful in nature and lasted until about 10:00 PM when quite a number of demonstrators entered the Galt House. However, the demonstrators left the Galt House shortly after entering and no disturbance or arrests occurred.

Individuals recognized as participating in the demonstration were ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, RONNIE SLAUGHTER, MOSCOE RAPIER and CAROL THOMAS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

The fact that the BWC planned to hold a demonstration at the Galt House in conjunction with the visit of HENRY FORD, III, to Louisville, on 10/11/72, was reported by SA BARTLEY J. GORI to Detective CHARLES MOORE, Louisville Police Department, Louisville, Kentucky.

SA WARREN L. WALSH made the above information available to a representative of the Ford Motor Company on 10/11/72.

Attached to the copy of this report designated for 157-1219 is a copy of a press release handed out by the BWC at the demonstration on 10/11/72. This press release was provided by source on 10/11/72.

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 11, 1972

The Black Workers Coalition (BWC) plans to hold a demonstration at the Galt House on River Road on October 11, 1972. At this demonstration, the BWC will picket the Galt House and ROOSEVELT ROBERTS will probably deliver a short speech. Individuals who will participate in this demonstration have been asked to meet at the BWC office at 6:30 PM where they will depart and travel to the Galt House and the picketing will begin at 7:30 PM.

During the afternoon of October 11, 1972, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, MOSE RAPIER, and RON SLAUGHTER travelled throughout the West End of Louisville stopping people on the street and asking them to participate in the demonstration. There were particularly interested in getting the younger children to participate in the demonstration.

Louisville, Kentucky
October 12, 1972

On October 11, 1972, at approximately 6:30 PM, about fifty people met at the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) Office. Almost half of these individuals were children between the ages of ten and fifteen. Most of these individuals then boarded a multi-colored bus, which is believed to be owned by the Holy Cross Church in the West End of Louisville. They then travelled to the Galt House where they began to demonstrate by picketing. The purpose of this demonstration was to protest the unjust working conditions and discriminatory practices which exist at the Louisville Ford Plant.

Approximately twenty to twenty-five additional individuals joined the approximately fifty individuals who travelled from the BWC Office at the Galt House. Most of these additional people who joined the BWC contingency were employees from the Ford Motor Company. In source's opinion, many of these people were high on drugs.

Several of the individuals from the Ford Company tried to get arrested on minor charges. They attempted to harass the police officers who were present at this demonstration by taking photographs of the policemen and on various occasions becoming somewhat rowdy. However, only on one occasion did anyone come close to being arrested. This occurred as follows:

Many of the women and children at the demonstration, after a few hours, had to use the restrooms in the Galt House. They went inside and used the restrooms on the first floor until they became filled up. They then proceeded to the restrooms on the second and third floors. One of the individuals from the Ford Company who had joined the BWC contingency became rather rowdy while on the third floor so the policemen began to move in and it appeared that he was going to get arrested; however, before he could be arrested, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER stepped in and restrained this individual and took him outside explaining to this individual that the BWC is a non-violent organization and did not want to cause any incidents.

There were no formal speeches at this demonstration although ROOSEVELT ROBERTS had a bull horn and on several occasions did speak to the crowd which had assembled there in an informal fashion.

CAROL THOMAS from the Louisville Tenants Union was also observed at the BWC demonstration.

This demonstration, which began at 6:30 PM, ended at approximately 10:30 PM.

October 11, 1972

PRESS RELEASE FROM : BLACK WORKERS COALITION
2300 W. Oak
Louisville, Ky.
776-6481

We of the BLACK WORKERS COALITION, joined by other concerned citizens and also employees of Ford Motor Company are here in demonstration to peacefully protest the unjust working conditions and discriminatory practices that now exist at Louisville Ford Plants. We have received numerous employee complaints within our office to substantiate the presence of the conditions.

We have with us a list of demands that we hope to present personally to Mr. Ford, being Ford's top executive and owner, a lso one of America's wealthiest most prominent personalities. We feel that the correcting of these conditions should be of high concern to Mr. Ford. So therefore we are requesting an immediate reply on this day. We feel that the power of Mr. Henry Ford can and should be used to bring an immediate end to these outright inhuman indignities.

We demand:

1. An office of BLACK AFFAIRS to be set up at Ford Motor Co. by permitting Black employees to elect or select persons for a deliberative positions.
2. The immediate reopening of the Apprenticeship program and special efforts made to recruit Blacks for skill trade jobs.
3. Continued harassment and intimidation against Black Workers be stopped immediately by the foreman and by the committeeman.
4. The labor relations record of all Blacks be wiped clean. It is common knowledge that the records of Blacks are deliberately blemished.
5. The merit and ability be discontinued. It has been proven that merit and ability is just another way of placing the white worker in top salaried jobs and in the choice positions.
6. Ratio of Blacks hired be raised equal to the ratio of Blacks in Jefferson County and in accordance to the law.

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 10, 1972

On Saturday, October 7, 1972, the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) once again picketed Stewart's Department Store protesting the fact that Stewart's carries Enro shirts. There were only about eleven people who participated in this picket, which is much less than usually participates. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was very disappointed in the turn-out. In addition to ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, those who participated in the picket were VANEETA TINKER, MOSE RAPIER, RON SLAUGHTER, WOODROW ROBERTS, and LEONARD ROBERTS (also a brother of ROOSEVELT ROBERTS).

The BWC attempted to get several children from the area around 23rd and Oak Streets, however, they were not successful. The children in that area have lost interest in the BWC because on several occasions when they have had car washes sponsored by the BWC, the money that was earned from the car washes which was supposed to be used to sponsor events for the children, were, in fact, kept by RON SLAUGHTER. The children realized this and resented it very much and therefore the BWC has great difficulty in getting children to participate in any of their demonstrations.

Since GLADYS CHILDRESS resigned from the BWC the BWC has not shown any more films regarding drug abuse. In fact, the BWC's entire anti-drug program has been abandoned, as have all other BWC programs designed to instruct black youths.

The BWC plans to picket the Ford Plant either on October 11 or October 12, 1972. They plan to picket Building Nine. According to VANEETA TINKER, the BWC is attempting to get neighborhood children to participate in this picket. Source anticipates, however, that they will not succeed in this endeavor.

At the BWC meeting on Sunday, October 8, 1972, ways were discussed in which the BWC could increase their membership and also ways in which they could raise money. At the present time, the BWC membership is extremely low and its financial situation is rather weak. There is much internal dissension within the BWC and since GLADYS CHILDRESS left the BWC is not as organized as it once was. This is becoming apparent to people who come to BWC meetings and the BWC is beginning to lose some stature in the black community.

JIMMY COX is the new treasurer for the BWC, replacing RON SLAUGHTER. It is suspected that SLAUGHTER was, in fact, taking money from the BWC treasury and using it for his own purposes.

RON SLAUGHTER is not as active in the BWC as he has been. At one time, SLAUGHTER used to be at the BWC office every day. Lately, he has not been around at all and gives for an excuse for the fact that he has not been around, that he has been having domestic problems.

ROOSEVELT ROBERTS and MOSE RAPIER continue to be the most active BWC members. In fact, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS was at the BWC office almost every day during the daytime hours and every night, despite the fact that he is supposedly employed on a full-time basis at Ford.

VANEETA TINKER and HAZEL (Last Name Unknown) are the new secretaries for the BWC.

In addition to voter registration, the main topics of discussion and activity at the BWC are still making plans for picketing Brown Forman, Ford, General Electric and Philip Morris. Recently, the BWC had a discussion concerning a "unity meeting" in which it is hoped other black civic organizations will participate. This "unity meeting" is still at the discussion stage and no firm plans have been made.

Recently, a Negro male known only to source as JOHNNY (Last Name Unknown) has been hanging around the BWC office quite a bit. He is employed at the California Center and works with young people there. It is believed JOHNNY (last name unknown) recently returned from Alabama.

On Sunday, October 8, 1972, three Negro males wearing blue denim jackets with "Kentucky Black Panther Party" (KBPP) written on the back of them, came to the BWC office and asked ROOSEVELT ROBERTS for a donation to the KBPP which would be used to get publicity for DARRYL BLAKEMORE. ROBERTS refused to donate any money. ROBERTS stated, however, that he has been favorably impressed recently with some of the KBPP's programs, especially the free breakfast program.

This past week, the BWC has received quite a bit of mail from the D. W. Ford Company, 6233 Hollywood Boulevard, Suite 23, Hollywood, California, 90028, as well as from the

Fawcett-Haynes Printing Company, located on Broadway Street in Louisville, Kentucky. Source does not know the substance of these communications.

The BWC has had no further contact with the International Black Workers Congress (IBWC).

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Louisville, Kentucky
October 12, 1972

On Friday, October 6, 1972, the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP) held a political education (PE) class at which time they discussed various ways in which they could gain publicity for DARRYL BLAKEMORE. It was also brought out that BERNICE JONES is very anxious for the party to obtain their own office. BRUCE CONWAY provided G. T. ALEXANDER a list of potential office sites and ALEXANDER is scheduled to check these locations out. All of the potential office sites are on the East End of Louisville.

DARRYL BLAKEMORE is scheduled to receive sentencing on Friday, October 13, 1972. Party members will meet in the courtroom to display support for BLAKEMORE. The possibility of picketing the courtroom was discussed but no firm discussion was raised as to whether or not any picketing will be conducted.

Present at this meeting were BERNICE JONES, HERB JONES, G. T. ALEXANDER, BEN SIMMONS (who is no longer on leave of absence), UMOJA, JACKIE HOWARD, GERONIMO, BRUCE CONWAY, CAROLLE MORRIS, RICK OLIVER and VILANNE DAVIS.

On Saturday, October 7, 1972, the party conducted sickle cell anemia testing at the Park DuValle projects from 11 AM until 6 PM. The testing was very successful inasmuch as BRUCE CONWAY tested 180 persons for sickle cell anemia. Source estimates that CONWAY could have tested as many as 225, however, he ran out of supplies. Other party members present at the tests were VILANNE DAVIS, UMOJA, BEN SIMMONS, HERB JONES, GERONIMO and G. T. ALEXANDER. In addition, LARRY HOWARD stopped by for a brief time and explained to the other party members that his studies have prevented him from coming by the office. It is believed that HOWARD attends Central High School.

In addition to the sickle cell testing the party set up a makeshift booth from which they passed out leaflets containing information regarding the party and regarding DARRYL BLAKEMORE.

On Sunday, October 8, 1972, the party held an organizational meeting. BERNICE JONES and BEN SIMMONS were in charge of this meeting. Also present were G. T. ALEXANDER,

HERB JONES, UMOJA, GERONIMO, JOHN STARKS, VILANNE DAVIS, CAROLLE MORRIS, RICK OLIVER, BRUCE CONWAY, JACKIE HOWARD and DON SPAULDING (SPAULDING is once again living with his wife).

BERNICE JONES did most of the talking at the meeting and encouraged other party members to recruit new members for the KBPP. She also wants the members to better organize the community by which she meant that the party should continually keep the Black community informed with regard to the party's various programs and the party philosophy. She commended various party members for their good work in the various party programs and stated that she felt the party programs have gotten off the ground very well.

BERNICE JONES had been working on a "drug proposal" for several days prior to this meeting. At this meeting she brought up her proposal which is to establish a detoxification center in Louisville. According to BERNICE JONES the party in New York in conjunction with Young Lords have established a detoxification center which has been very successful. According to JONES the party and the Young Lords have free access to one complete floor in a hospital in New York from which they operate their detoxification center.

In conjunction with her idea to establish a center in Louisville, she plans to contact the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Black Workers Congress (BWC) for help. She stated that it is her hope that the party might be able to establish this center at the Kentucky Sickle Cell Foundation office located at 13th and Broadway. (Source advised that in actuality the Kentucky Sickle Cell Foundation office has not opened yet because MORRIS JEFF who is primarily responsible for establishing the foundation has left town thus leaving the foundation "up in the air.") G. T. ALEXANDER was designated by BERNICE JONES to approach someone associated with the Kentucky Sickle Cell Foundation and ask them if the party can use the office space at 13th and Broadway for a detoxification center.

On Monday, October 9, 1972, BEN SIMMONS was at the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) as was JUDI SIMMONS. JUDI SIMMONS has resumed her work at SCEF. JUDI SIMMONS does most of the typesetting. She gets paid weekly for this work. Although JUDI SIMMONS has returned to work, she has not participated in any party functions.

BEN SIMMONS' spirits seemed to be much better. He no longer seems to be in a depressed state. He claims that he plans to get a job through JUDI's uncle with a janitorial service which service contracts to clean various schools in the Louisville area. SIMMONS stated that he is getting this job because he and JUDI are in bad financial straits and are on the verge of being kicked out of their apartment.

The SIMMONSES have moved back to their apartment on South 35th Street. G. T. ALEXANDER and BERNICE JONES are staying with them there. RICK OLIVER, GERONIMO and UMOJA who had been staying at that apartment are now staying at SCEF.

With regard to several party members moving into 1914 West Walnut Street and establishing a crib there, various problems have arisen. First of all, RICK OLIVER could not come up with any additional money to enable the party to put a down payment on the house. Secondly, UMOJA's mother would not sign her name for the electricity which meant that they had to come up with \$40 deposit for the electricity. And, thirdly, one of the members had made arrangements whereby they could obtain free a refrigerator to be used in the house. This fell through, however, and therefore if they want a refrigerator they would have to buy one. At the present time, party members are looking for another place where the electricity will be included in the rent payment and therefore there will be no necessity to come up with an additional \$40 electricity deposit.

BERNICE JONES was also at SCEF on Monday typing material regarding her proposal for a detoxification center.

VILANNE DAVIS and CAROLLE MORRIS started work on Monday at the Cinema West Movie Theater.

JOHN STARKS is still working putting up stone walls.

On Monday DON SPAULDING applied for a job at the Coca-Cola Plant on Hill Street. SPAULDING hopes to obtain a job as a driver for the Coca-Cola Company.

Also on Monday, UMOJA and GERONIMO went out looking for jobs; however, they were not successful.

HERB JONES was at SCEF on Monday working on the pamphlet which will read like a ballot and enable the reader to cast a ballot for or against DARRYL BLAKEMORE's innocence. The party had hoped to have this pamphlet out earlier, however, BILL ALLISON who was to furnish a transcript from the trial never furnished the transcript. HERB JONES needs a transcript because he wanted to quote directly from the trial. It appears likely that JONES will not be successful in getting this pamphlet out prior to BLAKEMORE's sentencing on October 13, 1972.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1972, BERNICE JONES, JUDI SIMMONS, BEN SIMMONS and HERB JONES were the only party members at SCEF. JUDI, HERB and BERNICE were upstairs working while BEN SIMMONS stayed downstairs babysitting. The SIMMONSES have named their baby BEN. They had planned to give the baby an African name, however, JUDI SIMMONS stated that since neither she nor BEN are free, the baby therefore is not free. Since the baby is not free they decided that they would not give it a free (African) name. Source speculates that the real reason they did not give the baby an African name was due to the objections of JUDI SIMMONS' mother.

On Tuesday BERNICE JONES contacted the NAACP asking them if they would donate money for her detoxification program. The NAACP appeared interested, however, they stated that they have no money to spare at the present time.

JONES also contacted the BWC for the same reason. ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, leader of the BWC, told JONES that neither he nor the BWC wanted anything to do with the program.

JONES then called Region Eight and made arrangements for party members to attend the Region Eight Board Meeting on Wednesday night, October 11, 1972. JONES did not tell the representative from Region Eight why the party members wanted to attend the meeting.

JONES also got in touch with Stop Dope Now and they agreed to help the party get the detoxification program started. Stop Dope Now is funded by Region Eight.

On Wednesday, October 11, 1972, the party did not hold a political education class because BERNICE JONES, G. T. ALEXANDER, BEN SIMMONS, HERB JONES, BRUCE CONWAY and RICK OLIVER

attended the Region Eight Board Meeting. At the meeting BERNICE JONES asked Region Eight to provide the party with \$50,000 for the coming year which would enable the party to establish two offices to be used as detoxification centers. This money would also be used to purchase an ambulance in conjunction with this program. In making this request JONES cited the success which the New York Panthers have had with a detoxification center, and she also criticized the methadone program currently being funded by Region Eight in Louisville. She stated that the current program takes too much time to cure addicts and that under her program it would only take ten days to cure an addict.

This proposal seemed to be taken pretty well by the Region Eight Board, and they told her that they would consider it and let her know of their decision.

Recently a supervisor from the Louisville Board of Education stopped by SCEF and requested some information regarding sickle cell anemia. In addition, BEN SIMMONS received a letter from an individual associated with the Jefferson County Board of Education requesting similar information. As a result of these requests, BRUCE CONWAY has made up a five-page pamphlet regarding sickle cell anemia. In addition to information regarding sickle cell anemia, there is some party propaganda in the pamphlet. This pamphlet will be printed by SCEF and distributed to both the Louisville and Jefferson County Board of Education. (Source anticipates that before this pamphlet is finally printed up some of the party propaganda will have to be deleted because it may prove objectionable to the Boards of Education).

Central, Shawnee and Male High Schools have also contacted the party and have asked someone from the party to speak at their schools regarding sickle cell anemia. If the Board of Education will allow this, the party plans to send representatives to these schools to talk to students concerning sickle cell anemia. It is anticipated that the party could hold classes at which any interested student can be released from his or her study hall to listen to the lecture. In this fashion they would not miss any class time.

The KBPP no longer discusses urban guerilla warfare. In fact, at Sunday's meeting the last thing that BEN SIMMONS told KBPP members was that if anyone makes or attempts to make any sort of "move" they will be expelled from the party.

BRUCE CONWAY has opened up an account under the name of the Sickle Cell Anemia Fund at the First National Bank located at 7th and Chestnut Streets, Louisville, Kentucky. At present there is \$10.00 in this account.

According to GERONIMO the unidentified Negro male believed to be from the New York BPP has returned to New York. He apparently left town either Wednesday, October 4, 1972, or Thursday, October 5, 1972. Source never observed this individual inasmuch as he never appeared at SCEF or at any of the KBPP meetings. GERONIMO did not mention this individual's name.

Brother C who was believed to be a New York BPP member never returned to SCEF after having paid one visit to SCEF. He apparently has returned to New York also.

From the way she talks, BERNICE JONES is tired of New York. She stated that she does not know how long she is going to stay in Louisville, but she has made no plans to return to New York in the near future.

GERONIMO has stated that he is definitely going to stay in Louisville because he "can't hack New York any more." There has been no mention of BERNICE JONES relocating in Louisville and of BEN SIMMONS relocating in New York. This was a proposal made a few months ago but no further discussion has occurred regarding it.

Likewise, there has been no further discussion regarding making Louisville the national headquarters for the BPP. This was an idea also mentioned several months ago. Source speculates, however, that if BERNICE JONES decides to stay in Louisville rather than return to New York, she will at least attempt to make Louisville the national headquarters for the BPP.

No one from the KBPP attended the picketing conducted by the BWC at the Galt House on October 11, 1972.

The party has decided to drop the BWC because the BWC has always been antagonistic toward the party and very jealous of the publicity which the party has been successful in obtaining.

G. T. ALEXANDER and BERNICE JONES have not discussed their recent Florida trip in any detail, however, ALEXANDER did mention that they spoke at a college in Tallahassee, Florida, and that he spoke regarding the Louisville Seven citing it as an example of how the "people" can help free political prisoners. According to ALEXANDER, BERNICE JONES spoke on the general topic of political prisoners. Neither JONES nor ALEXANDER have stated whether or not they received any money for these speeches although prior to their departure BERNICE JONES stated that they were going to receive \$500.

HERB JONES has made no further mention regarding Operation Push although recently a minister in Louisville called the party and expressed an interest in helping get Operation Push started in Louisville. As far as source knows JONES, however, has had no further contact with Operation Push.

The free breakfast program continues to run successfully. G. T. ALEXANDER, HERB JONES and RICK OLIVER are there almost every day running the program. On occasion CAROLLE MORRIS and VILANNE DAVIS are there. In addition, IMAUTI and JAMES BENNETT alternate helping out with the free breakfast program. In addition to helping out the free breakfast program, IMAUTI BENNETT attends the party's PE classes fairly regularly. JAMES BENNETT, however, seldom attends the PE classes and his activity with regard to the party is pretty much confined to helping out with the free breakfast program. IMAUTI BENNETT has been nicknamed by other party members, Donald Duck, because of his resemblance to a duck.

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info re picket at Stewart's by BWC, 9/23; meeting at
SCEF 9/28 re racism; info re GUS HALL to speak at SCEF,
10/3/72.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 25, 1972

A picket and rally is to be held this date at the Courthouse in support of the "Louisville Seven". It is to begin at approximately 1:00 PM. Known participants are expected to be CARL and ANNE BRADEN, as well as representatives from all of the "movement" organizations in Louisville, Kentucky. A meeting had been previously held at the office of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., (SCEF), Louisville, Kentucky, on either Thursday or Friday, wherein the picket and rally was organized. There were approximately 45 to 50 people in attendance at the SCEF meeting, including representatives from Welfare Rights, Clergy and Laymen's Concern, SCEF, Louisville Tenants Union, and KBPP. CAROL THOMAS was representing the Louisville Tenants Union and JENNIFER ELLIS was representing the Welfare Rights Organization. The source does not know who was representing the KBPP or any of the other organizations present.

During the organizational meeting at SCEF, each representative was given an opportunity to explain what his respective organization was doing in relation to the defense of the "Louisville Seven".

During the past week, he asked JENNIFER ELLIS how he could get in touch with the Communist Party in Kentucky. She indicated she would call someone by telephone but she was not "keen" about the idea. Later, one STEVE BROOKS contacted her at Legal Aid where she has an office with the Welfare Rights Organization. The person calling JENNIFER ELLIS indicated that he would contact the source sometime later that week. He does not know ELLIS' exact status with the CPUSA of Kentucky, but gets the impression from her that she is really on the periphery of the organization.

Concerning a meeting which had been previously scheduled to take place on May 5, 1973, which was to be a demonstration of some sort concerning the "Louisville Seven", the source advised that everyone was certain that the trial of the "Louisville Seven" would go on for an extended period of time and that there would be several legal movements and appeals far into the future. Due to a very tight schedule of events in the future, the date of May 5, 1973, was placed on the calendar and set aside for a demonstration which would be later planned.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 27, 1972

On Monday, September 25, 1972, he saw and talked briefly with NANCY PENICK in front of the Courthouse in Louisville, Kentucky, where she was picketing along with others in opposition to the trial of the "Louisville Seven". She indicated she was participating in the picketing as a representative of the Kentucky Black Panther Party (KBPP).

PENICK was with a white female. He did not catch her identity and does not know who she is, except that she is supposedly connected with the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF). He described this white female as age 25 or 26, height 5'8" to 5'9", weight 135 pounds to 140 pounds, hair dark, eyes green, characteristics - has pimples on face. He has never seen her in the past.

PENICK indicated that the above-described white female had asked her to go to New York with her and that they were to leave Louisville on the following Wednesday, September 27, 1972, to attend some kind of conference in New York. PENICK's presence at the conference was desired as a representative of "Blacks". PENICK indicated that she intended at that time to make the trip to New York and attend the conference.

NANCY PENICK also indicated that she and the girl described above from SCEF had called numerous people to attend the picketing on September 25, 1972, but only approximately fifteen or sixteen people actually showed up. Some of the others involved in the picketing demonstration were MIKE WELCH, representing the CPUSA of Kentucky, JENNIFER ELLIS, representing the Welfare Rights Organization, CARL and ANNE BRADEN of SCEF, one MIKE (LNU) and VILANNE DAVIS, the latter possibly associated with the KBPP.

He does not know who MIKE is, but believes he may be possibly connected with the "ONEs". He described MIKE as a black male, 6' tall, light skin, red hair, and green eyes. The picketing lasted from approximately 9:00 until 11:30 or 12:00 noon, and there was no trouble of any kind in connection with it. He had previously been led to believe that the picketing would begin at approximately 1:00 PM.

There was another picketing which took place on Saturday, September 23, 1972, in front of Stewart's Department Store on Fourth Street. The picketing was sponsored by the Black Workers Coalition and was against Stewart's sale of

General Electric merchandise and appliances. He recognized MOSE RAPIER of the Black Workers Coalition, as being present and who appeared to be the leader of the organization. Approximately 35 to 40 individuals participated in the picketing which began at 11:00 AM and terminated somewhere around 4:30 to 5:00 PM. CAROL THOMAS of the Louisville Tenants Union was also present. There was no violence or trouble of any kind in connection with the picketing.

JENNIFER ELLIS has indicated there is to be a meeting at the office of SCEF on September 28, 1972, concerning "racism". There are to be five or six speakers, the identities of whom are unknown to source, and about 40 or 60 people are expected at the meeting. The meeting itself is to be sponsored by SCEF.

As of this date, he has still not been contacted by STEVE BROOKS or anyone from the CPUSA of Kentucky.

On many occasions, he had observed a Louisville Police Officer by the last name of KENDALL at Laird's Tourist Home in Louisville, and has seen his police vehicle parked outside of Laird's for some time as long as three or four hours at a time. He does not know what KENDALL's connection with the tourist home might be, but expects that BEN SIMMONS of the KBPP will contact him soon concerning what he might know about Officer KENDALL. SIMMONS has expressed an interest in KENDALL and has passed the word that he desires to talk to the source about him.

He is not acquainted with anyone by the name of JANE PHILLIPS who might be currently associated with SCEF in Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville, Kentucky
September 29, 1972

He has learned that GUS HALL of the CPUSA is to appear at the Office of Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky, on October 3, 1972, where he will speak. At this time, he does not know what HALL's purpose in coming to SCEF is and does not know who expects to attend the meeting, with the exception of JENNIFER ELLIS who will go as a representative of Welfare Rights Organization. He does not know if she will attend as a representative of the CPUSA of Kentucky. To date, he has not been contacted by STEVE BROOKS. There are no demonstrations or rallies scheduled for the coming weekend.

Louisville, Kentucky
October 4, 1972

GUS HALL of the CPUSA appeared at SCEF on October 3, 1972, and addressed approximately 100 people who were present. CARL and ANNE BRADEN were both there, as was HELEN GREEVER. JENNIFER ELLIS was present. G. T. ALEXANDER and another black male representing the KBPP were present. JEAN SMITH was also there as a representative of the Welfare Rights Organization. The Clergy and Laymen Concern was represented, although he does not know who attended from this organization. Father GRENEAU of the Council for Race and Religion was also present.

The source himself was not in attendance, but learned from JENNIFER ELLIS that HALL talked about how President NIXON was a farce and how the presidential candidate, MC GOVERN, was also "pussy footing around". One of HALL's comments had to do with the fact that both NIXON and MC GOVERN were just pulling off the limbs and the Communist Party will pull up the roots. The meeting itself lasted about one and one-half to two hours. It began at 8:00 PM and ended at approximately 9:30 or 10:00 PM.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-1219) (P) DATE: 10/13/72

FROM : SA WARREN L. WALSH

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ROBERTS advised that there were about 30 persons on this bus. Shortly thereafter, additional persons arrived and a total of approximately 75 persons participated in peaceful picketing of the Galt House, carrying signs claiming Ford Motor Company discriminates against black employees.

Mr. ROBERTS advised that of the approximately 75 individuals participating in the demonstration there were a number of young children and all were black with the exception of approximately 1/2 dozen who were white. The only individual

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Black Workers Coalition

I'd like to take this opportunity to give praise to, and to inform other Louisville citizens of the presence of a most dedicated, sincere, hardworking community organization located in our city, namely The Black Workers Coalition.

I was one of the 15 employees fired by a local whiskey distillery May 30, 1972. We were members of the janitorial department and the entire department was terminated promptly without any prenotification to any of us. Suddenly within one hour we all found ourselves unemployed.

We contacted a few local organizations for aid and advice including The NAACP and city county Human Relations Commission. We received no help from either group, although both have high-salaried staffs, and operate under the guise of helping people in our condition. Finally, after nine weeks of joblessness some one advised us to take our problem to the Black Workers Coalition, which is unsalaried, nonprofit-making plus virtually unknown, which prompted me to write this letter. The Black Workers Coalition, through negotiations with our employer, not only regained our jobs but also gained for us other concessions and dignities in our work. We'll always be grateful to this fine proud organization and we're glad to have them as part of our community and city.

MARGARET PANKBY
623 So. 43rd St., Louisville

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* INDIVIDUALS DESIGNATED BY AN ASTERISK (*) ONLY ATTENDED A MEETING AND DID NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.
VIOLENCE OR REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES WERE NOT DISCUSSED.

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- 1 - 157-1219 (BWC)
- 1 - 157-1503 (ROBERTS, R.)
- 1 - 157-1504 (RAPIER)
- 1 - 157-1550 (SLAUGHTER)
- 1 - 157-1618 (CHILDRESS)
- 1 - 157-1619 (ROBERTS, W.)
- 1 - 157-1620 (PRYOR)
- 1 - 157-1621 (COX)

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thayis (Ford) having Nat. Bd meeting
here on that day.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

On September 28, 1972, Detective CLARENCE HAWKINS, Louisville Police Department, advised that Kentucky license M23-607 was registered to ROGER TINKER, 3523 Sherrill Avenue, for a 1964 Pontiac.

The current volume of the Louisville City Directory reflects that ROGER N. TINKER was employed at Klarer of Kentucky and resides at 3519 Sherrill Avenue, Apartment 1. His wife is VANITA TINKER.

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COVER PAGE

Louisville, Kentucky
September 27, 1972

On Saturday, September 23, 1972, approximately twenty-five to thirty people from the Black Workers Coalition (BWC) travelled to Stewart's Department Store on Fourth Street in downtown Louisville, Kentucky, where they picketed. The picket was in protest to the firing of BARBARA BROWN from General Electric and the fact that Stewart's sells Enro shirts and the BWC claims that the Enro Shirt Company is discriminatory in its practices toward black employees.

Among those present at this picket were MOSE RAPIER, ROOSEVELT ROBERTS, WOODROW ROBERTS, RON SLAUGHTER, VANITA TINKER, and PAT (Last Name Unknown). (VANITA TINKER and PAT LNU are the secretaries for the BWC inasmuch as CONNIE PRYOR and GLADYS CHILDRESS have resigned from the BWC.)

There have been more people than usual hanging around the BWC Office. Source speculates that the reason for this increased interest of late is the publicity the BWC has received with regard to their efforts to reinstate BARBARA BROWN at General Electric, and their picketing with regard to PHYLLIS SMITH and due to the fact that they were successful in getting several blacks rehired at Brown Forman.

At BWC meetings lately there have been many individuals from General Electric, the Ford Company, Philip Morris and Brown Forman. These individuals all have expressed discontent with working conditions at their respective places of employment.

The BWC plans to hold another demonstration this Saturday, September 30, 1972, either at Philip Morris or Brown Forman.

With regard to the recent interest in the BWC of individuals employed at Philip Morris Company, source feels that an unidentified Negro male who is married to a white girl is primarily responsible for this interest. This individual has filed a grievance against the Philip Morris Company charging them with discrimination, claiming that they discriminated against him because he is married to a white girl. This individual has brought in several other employees from Philip Morris who are supporting his claims.

The BWC continues to work very hard in the black community attempting to get blacks to register to vote.

RON SLAUGHTER recently painted his Volkswagen orange and black. SLAUGHTER continues to drive this vehicle despite

the fact that he has an expired driver's license and has been warned about driving without a license.

SLAUGHTER is in charge of the finances for the BWC and recently received criticism for mishandling the funds. SLAUGHTER failed to pay the light and gas bills for at least two months, and a representative from the gas and electric company had to come to the BWC Office in order to get them to pay.

Source noted that on the calendar in the BWC Office there is a notation next to the date, October 11, 1972, which reads as follows: "Meeting with Ford". Source does not know if this means that the BWC will meet with officials from Ford or with laborers from Ford.

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